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☛ *The objects and work of the Branch are described on p.* 1002.

Attention is called to the notice on p. 950 regarding the exhibition, at industrial centres in the Provinces of samples of "enemy" goods, formerly sold in British and in certain other markets abroad, and also to the following samples which are on view at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—

Samples.	Reference in "Board of Trade Journal." Date.	Page.
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Writing, Printing and other Papers required to be manufactured in Australia	23rd " "	870
Trimming embroidery and insertion of German make sold in Brazil	" " "	877
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OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

UNITED KINGDOM.

New Sources of Supply Required or Available on Account of the War.

In view of the cessation of imports from Germany and Austria-Hungary and the fact that there are many articles (hitherto imported from those countries) which are of importance, if not of necessity, to British manufacturers,

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importers of such articles are invited by the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade to supply information regarding their precise nature and quality, in order that steps may be taken to ascertain whether similar goods might be produced in this country, and, if so, where; or, if not, from what neutral sources they could be obtained.

Similarly, United Kingdom manufacturers now have the markets of Germany and Austria-Hungary closed to them, but in many cases there will be opportunities for the disposal of their products in this country or abroad.

Doubtless in a large number of cases importers and manufacturers have taken steps to inform themselves on these points, but, from cases which have come under the notice of the Commercial Intelligence Branch, it is believed that in some instances it has not proved an easy matter to obtain the necessary information, and it is thought that in such cases the Branch may be able to render some assistance by placing manufacturers and buyers in communication with one another.

Since the outbreak of the war, applications have been received in the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade from a large number of firms in all parts of the United Kingdom who wish to get into communication with United Kingdom manufacturers of various classes of goods which have previously been obtained from Germany and Austria-Hungary, or with purchasers of British goods which may previously have been sold to enemy countries.

Lists of articles for manufacturers or producers of which enquiries have been received by the Commercial Intelligence Branch are printed weekly, and may be obtained on application by United Kingdom manufacturers.

The following (amongst other) applications for articles in respect of which enquiries have been made (A) *by firms at home, and* (B) *by firms abroad, have been recorded during the past week* :—

A.

Buzzers, small, for electrical signalling and tapper clocks.
Capsules, pliable celluloid, for bottling.
Celluloid, scrap.
Clocks, cheap alarum, with nickel, &c. cases.
Glass marbles.
Guitars, as previously supplied by Germany.
Gum, liquid.
Hoops, wood, for hooping casks.
Lighters, automatic, wheels and brass fittings for.
Lithopone.
Machinery for making combs.
Magnesite rings, for incandescent gas mantles.
Singlets, cotton, suitable for India.
Wool, similar to Berlin wool.

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B.

Brush sets.
Cryolite.
Foil, copper, ruby-coloured on one side.
Lametta, in copper.
Milk, tinned.
Minerals for enamelling household ware.
Office stationery and requisites.
Typewriter-ribbons, un-inked.
Wire-gauze, phosphor bronze, 2·10 metres wide, 45 holes per square centimetre, for paper-making.

The following is a selection from a list of articles which United Kingdom manufacturers have notified the Commercial Intelligence Branch that they are in a position to supply. Some of these, it is understood, are the products of new industries established in the United Kingdom :—

Artificial pumice stone or rubbing-down block.
Bust bodices and camisoles, as previously made in Germany.
Fez tassels, to replace Austrian.
Gramophones of various kinds.
Iron garden and café furniture.
Picture post-cards (cheap).
Porcelain cleats and insulators for electrical purposes.
Purse rims and locks (cheap).
"Seger" cones (for furnace work) as previously made in Germany.*
Sulphate of baryta.
Violins (cheap).
Wire gauze tea and coffee strainers.
Wool, to take the place of Berlin wool.

United Kingdom firms interested in any of the above-mentioned articles are invited to write to the Director of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., with a view to being placed in communication with the enquirers.

☞ NOTE.—*In reading the following notices of possible openings for United Kingdom goods abroad, regard should be had to the Royal Proclamation relative to the prohibition of the exportation of certain articles from the United Kingdom, which appears on pp.* 291–303 *of the "Board of Trade Journal" of* 29*th July, to the Orders of Council which appear on pp.* 362-64 *of the issue of* 5*th August, pp.* 511-13 *of the issue of* 19*th August, and pp.* 881-84 *of the issue of* 23*rd September.*

Regard should also be had to the Royal Proclamations prohibiting exports to (1) *the Netherlands, and* (2) *China and Siam, unless consigned to certain authorised persons or bodies of persons. The first will be found on p.* 17 *of the "Board of Trade Journal" of* 1*st July and the second on p.* 952 *of the current issue.*

Attention is also drawn to the notices published from time to time in the "Board of Trade Journal" relative to the issue of licences to export certain goods, viz. :—

* A pamphlet dealing with this article may be consulted at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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Coal and coke, pp. 445-6, 13*th May; pp.* 666-7, 3*rd June; pp.* 363-4 *and p.* 366, 5*th August; p.* 430, 12*th August; and p.* 595, 26*th August.*

Cotton yarn and thread, raw cotton and cotton waste, p. 89, 8*th July.*

Crossbred and similar wool, p. 885 *of the issue of* 23*rd September.*

†*Goods contracted for with Allied Governments, p.* 368, 5*th August.*

Goods for purely industrial purposes in Allied Countries, p. 368, 5*th August.*

†*Leather for French Army boots, p.* 24, 1*st July.*

Rough diamonds, p. 366, 5*th August; and pp.* 747-8, 9*th September.*

Rubber, p. 22, 1*st April.*

Tin, tin chloride and tin ore, pp. 815-6, 25*th March.*

Applications for licences to export any goods the exportation of which is prohibited or restricted should be made to the **War Trade Department, 4, Central Buildings, Westminster, London, S.W.,** *except in the two cases marked* †, *in which cases applications should be addressed to the* **Commission Internationale de Ravitaillement, India House, Kingsway, London, W.C.**

CANADA.

The office of H.M. Trade Commissioner in Canada reports the receipt of the following enquiries :—

Buttons ; Cotton Piece Goods ; Lawns ; Laces.

An agent in Toronto wishes to secure the representation of United Kingdom manufacturers of *buttons for cloak and skirt trade, cotton piece goods, lawns, Nottingham lace, and lace collars. See Note † below.* (C.I.B. 46,013.)

Grocery and Hardware, &c. Supplies.

An agent in Winnipeg desires to take up agencies (for Manitoba only) of United Kingdom manufacturers of *goods suitable for sale to the grocery and hardware trades. See Note† below.* (C.I.B. 46,950.)

Note†.—United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned should apply to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., for the names and addresses of the respective enquirers.

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The following enquiries have been received at the Offices of the High Commissioner for Canada, 19, Victoria Street, London, S.W., *whence further information may be obtained*:— (C.I.B. 46,774.)

HOME ENQUIRIES.

Canadian Wood Alcohol, Formaldehyde and Acetic Acid wanted.

A London firm seeks Canadian supplies of wood alcohol, formaldehyde and acetic acid.

Canadian Hosiery Latch Needles wanted.

A Leicester firm asks for the names of Canadian manufacturers of latch needles for hosiery manufacturers.

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CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.

Brass Tent Hooks and Eyes.

A Toronto firm is in the market for *brass tent hooks and eyes*, and asks for the names of United Kingdom manufacturers.

Transparent Gelatine Nipples.

A firm of wholesale druggists in Ontario asks for the names of United Kingdom manufacturers of *transparent gelatine nipples.*

Nitrogen Electric Lamps.

A correspondent at Victoria, B.C., is in the market for *nitrogen electric lamps* of United Kingdom manufacture.

☞ *Note.*—For further information regarding any of the foregoing enquiries, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 19, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

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The following enquiry has been received at the Canadian Trade Commissioner's Office, Portland House, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., *whence further information may be obtained* :—

Market sought for **Canadian Bentwood.**

A Canadian firm, claiming to be in a position to supply large quantities of bentwood of various kinds, including trunk hoops, would be glad to quote for the requirements of United Kingdom buyers. (C.I.B. 47,092.)

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Textile Machinery and Accessories.

With reference to the notice on pp. 499-500 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 19th August relative to a proposed factory to be erected at Hamilton, Ontario, by a company operating large departmental stores in Canada, the Imperial Trade Correspondent at Toronto (Mr. F. W. Field) now writes that the new factory is being built chiefly for the manufacture of knitted goods.

The name of the company referred to may be obtained by United Kingdom manufacturers of textile machinery and accessories on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 46,164.)

AUSTRALIA.

The Sydney Office of H.M. Trade Commissioner in Australia reports the receipt of the following enquiries :—

Confectioners' Raw Materials.

A Melbourne buying agent desires to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of *confectioners' raw materials. See Note† on next page.* (C.I.B. 46,642*a*.)

Electric Lighting Sets for Cars; Electrical Fittings; Lamps and Sundries.

A Sydney firm wishes to take up agencies of United Kingdom manufacturers of *electric lighting sets for cars* and *electrical fittings, lamps and sundries. See Note† on next page.* (C.I.B. 46,642*b*.)

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Hosiery; Women's and Children's Vests; and Fabric Gloves.

A Sydney firm desires to secure the representation of United Kingdom manufacturers of *hosiery, women's and children's vests,* and *fabric gloves. See Note† below.*

(C.I.B. 46 642*c*.)

Materials, Chemicals, Dyes, or Finishes for Tanning Industry; Three-Ply Woods; Roofing Materials.

A Sydney firm, with a branch at Melbourne, which has hitherto imported most of its supplies from Germany, desires to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of *materials, chemicals, and dyes or finishes* for the tanning industry, also *three-ply woods* and *roofing material. See Note † below, and also Note on p.* 937.

(C.I.B. 46,641.)

Note†.—United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned should apply to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., for the names and addresses of the respective enquirers.

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Electric Transformers.

The Sydney office of H.M. Trade Commissioner in Australia also reports that tenders are invited by the Sydney Municipal Council for the supply and delivery of 33,000-*volt outdoor three-phase transformers and switch gear, together with spares,* in such quantities as may be required by the Council during a period of twelve months from the date of the signing of the agreement (Contract No. 417). As an alternative, tenderers may quote for single-phase transformers to be operated in banks of three of equivalent capacity. [In this connection attention is drawn to the notice on p. 536 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 20th May last relative to the preference to be given to British manufacturers by the Sydney Municipal Council.]

Copies of the specification and form of tender, for which a charge of 10s. 6d. is made, may be *obtained* from the City Electrical Engineer, Sydney, N.S.W., and sealed tenders will be received by the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Sydney, N.S.W., up to 3 p.m. on 6th December.* *Tenderers must deposit the sum of £25 with the City Treasurer before the time specified for the closing of tenders.*

A copy of the specification and form of tender may be *consulted* by United Kingdom manufacturers of electric transformers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 46,644.)

Insulated Copper Wire.

The Sydney office of H.M. Trade Commissioner in Australia further reports that tenders are invited by the Deputy-Postmaster-General, Sydney, N.S.W., for the supply and delivery of 100 *miles of two-twisted and* 75 *miles of three-twisted, rubber insulated, tinned copper wire.* (Specification No. 463, N.S.W.)

* It will be observed that the time for the receipt of tenders is limited, and owing to forms having to be obtained from Australia this intimation will be of use only to firms having agents in the Commonwealth who can be instructed by cable.

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Copies of the specification, conditions, and form of tender may be *obtained* from the office of the Deputy-Postmaster-General, Sydney, N.S.W., at which address sealed tenders, on the proper forms, will be received up to 2·30 p.m. on 4th November.*

Preliminary deposits may be paid at the offices of the High Commissioner in London for the Commonwealth of Australia, 72, Victoria Street, S.W.

A deposit of 2 per cent. on the first £500, and of 1 per cent. on the amount above that sum, is required with each tender; minimum deposit £2. The tenderer, if not resident in Australia, or if a company registered outside the Commonwealth, must name an agent in Australia to receive notifications of acceptance and other notices under the contract.

A copy of the specification, &c. may be *consulted* by United Kingdom manufacturers of insulated copper wire at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 46,640.)

NEW ZEALAND.

H.M. Trade Commissioner for New Zealand (Mr. W. G. Wickham) reports that he has received the following enquiries *for United Kingdom sources of supply of various goods* from firms in the Dominion :—

Tea; Coffee; Cocoa; Kapok; Grease-proof Wrapping Paper; Tea Blending Machinery.

An Auckland firm desires to get into touch with United Kingdom exporters of *tea, coffee, cocoa, and kapok,* in bulk, and with U. K. manufacturers of *grease-proof wrapping paper,* and *machinery for blending tea. See Note† on next page.* (C.I.B. 45,492[1].)

Porcelain Figures.

Another Auckland firm wishes to get into touch with United Kingdom manufacturers of *porcelain figures for tombstones* as made at Passau. *See Note† on next page.* (C.I.B. 45,492[2].)

Chromic Acid.

Enquiry is made by a firm in Napier for the names of United Kingdom manufacturers of *chromic acid. See Note† on next page* (C.I.B. 45,492[3].)

Cheese Jars.

A Dunedin firm is in the market for *earthenware cheese jars* and *opaque glass cheese jars,* with screw tops, to contain not more than 4 ozs. and 8 ozs. *See Note† on next page.* (C.I.B. 45,492[4].)

Tin Toys; Metal Mitre Boxes.

A Wellington firm wishes to receive from United Kingdom manufacturers prices and particulars with regard to the supply of *tin toys, e.g.,* humming tops, &c. and also *metal mitre boxes. See Note† on next page.* (C.I.B. 45,492[5].)

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* *See* Note on previous page.

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Receipt Rolls.

Another Wellington firm is in the market for *receipt rolls* of United Kingdom manufacture. *See Note† below.* (C.I.B. 45,492[6].)

Wood Dyes.

An Ashburton firm wishes to get into touch with United Kingdom manufacturers of *wood dyes. See Note† below, and also Note on p.* 937. (C.I.B. 45,492[7].)

Mattress Ticking.

Enquiry is made by a Wellington firm for the names of United Kingdom manufacturers of *mattress ticking. See Note† below.* (C.I.B. 45,492[8].)

Note†.—United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned, and exporters of United Kingdon goods, should apply to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., for the names and addresses of the respective enquirers.

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H.M. Trade Commissioner for New Zealand also reports that he has received the following enquiries *for the agencies of United Kingdom manufacturers*, from firms in the Dominion :—

Glassware; Sanitary Goods; Wire Mats; Stoves; Woollen Goods.

An agent in Wellington desires to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of *lamp and general glassware, sanitary goods, wire door mats, gas and spirit stoves*, and *woollen goods. See Note† below.* (C.I.B. 45,492*j*.)

Chairs; Glassware; Silverplated Glass; Aluminium Ware; Brassware; Printers' Inks and Dry Colours; Chinaware; Bicycle Tyres and Textiles, &c.

An agent in Christchurch wishes to get into touch with United Kingdom manufacturers of *bentwood chairs, table glassware, glass tumblers, glass jam jars, silverplated glass, aluminium ware, brushware, printers' inks and dry colours for making same, china candlesticks, mugs, salad bowls, dessert plates, bicycle tyres, Utrecht velvets, moquettes, saddlebags and cretonnes. See Note† below.* (C.I.B. 45,492*k*.)

Cattle Foods; Manure; Grain and Seeds.

An Auckland agent desires to secure the representation of United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters of *cattle foods, manure, grain and seeds. See Note† below.* (C.I.B. 45,492*l*.)

Milk Chocolate and other Confectionery.

A firm in Auckland wishes to secure the agencies of United Kingdom manufacturers of *milk chocolate* and other *confectionery. See Note† below.* (C.I.B. 45,492*m*.)

Note†.—United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned and exporters of U.K. goods should apply to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade for the names and addresses of the respective enquirers.

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Glass Bottles; Gloves; Buttons.

A Dunedin agent desires to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of *glass bottles, fabric gloves,* and *buttons. See Note† below.* (C.I.B. 45,492*n*.)

Confectionery; Groceries.

An agent in Wellington enquires for the agencies of United Kingdom manufacturers of *confectionery, and grocery lines. See Note† below.* (C.I.B. 45,492*o*.)

Glassware; Crockery; Art Pottery; Mouth Organs.

A Christchurch firm desires to act as agent for United Kingdom manufacturers of *glassware, crockery, art pottery, and mouth organs. See Note† below.* (C.I.B. 45,492*p*.)

Cotton Piece Goods; Upholstery; Plushes, &c.

A sales agency in Wellington wishes to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of *cotton piece goods, cheap upholstery goods, plushes, &c. See Note† below.* C.I.B. 45,492*q*.)

Cutlery; Crockery; Gas Mantles; Glass Chimneys for Gas Lighting; Electric Light Bulbs.

An Auckland agent desires to secure the agencies of United Kingdom manufacturers of *cutlery, cheap crockery, gas mantles, glass chimneys for gas lighting, and electric light bulbs. See Note† below.* (C.I.B. 45,492*r*.)

Grocery; Twine; Tobacco; Crockery; Glassware; Brushware; Linoleum; Enamelled Ware; Vacuum Cleaners.

A firm in Auckland wishes to get into touch with United Kingdom manufacturers of *grocery goods, twine, tobacco, crockery, glassware, brushware, linoleum, enamelled ware, and vacuum cleaners. See Note† below.* (C.I.B 45,492*s*.)

Furnishings; Furs.

A Wellington firm seeks the agencies of United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters of *soft furnishings* and *furs. See Note† below.* (C.I.B. 45,492*t*.)

Note†.—United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned and exporters of U.K. goods should apply to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade for the names and addresses of the respective enquirers.

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Cast Iron and Galvanised-iron Pipes and Fittings.

The Imperial Trade Correspondent at Dunedin (Mr. W. T. Monkman) reports that tenders are invited by the Dunedin City Council for the supply and delivery of 241 tons of 4 *in. cast iron pipes;* 3,000 ft. of ½ *in. galvanised-iron pipe;* 500 ft. of ¾ *in. galvanised-iron pipe;* and *fittings.* (Contract No. 372).

Sealed tenders on the proper forms, will be received at the office of the Town Clerk, Dunedin, up to 5 p.m. on 6th October*.

* See Note at foot of p. 944.

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Copies of the specification and conditions and form of tender, together with drawings, may be *obtained* from the office of the Engineer of the Council, Town Hall, Dunedin, N.Z., on payment of £2, which amount will be refunded on the specification and drawings being returned in good order and condition.

Tenders must be accompanied by a marked† cheque or cash to the amount of 5 per cent. of the value of the tender.

A copy of the specification, &c., may be *consulted* by United Kingdom manufacturers of pipes and fittings at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

(C.I.B. 45,494; 46,852.)

Rolled Steel Beams for Bridges.

The Imperial Trade Correspondent at Dunedin also reports that tenders are invited by the Dunedin City Council for the supply and delivery of about 97 tons of *rolled steel* I *beams* for bridges over the Water of Leith. (Contract No. 374.)

Copies of the specification, conditions, and form of tender, together with drawings, may be *obtained* from the Town Clerk's Office, Dunedin, N.Z., on payment of £2, which will be refunded on the specification and drawings being returned in good order and condition.

Sealed tenders on the proper forms will be received at the above address up to 5 p.m. on 15th December.*

Each tender must be accompanied by a marked cheque† or a cash deposit to the value of 5 per cent. of the amount of the tender.

A copy of the specification and form of tender, &c. may be *consulted* by United Kingdom manufacturers of steel beams at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

(C.I.B. 46,710.)

Material for Dam Construction.

H.M. Trade Commissioner for New Zealand has forwarded an extract from the local press, from which it appears that at a recent meeting of the Auckland City Council it was decided to award the contract for the construction of the Nihotupu impounding dam to a New Zealand firm. The height of the dam will be 150 ft., the length 530 ft., and the water area 36 acres. It will have a storage capacity of 540,000,000 gallons. The time allowed for the completion of the work is 3½ years.

The name and address of the successful contractor, together with the accepted contract price, may be obtained by United Kingdom manufacturers on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

(C.I.B. 45,491*a*.)

* It will be observed that the time for the receipt of tenders is limited, and this intimation will therefore be of use only to firms having agents in the Dominion who can be instructed by cable.

† A marked cheque is one whose payment has been provided for by the bank on which it is drawn having transferred the amount from the account of the drawer and marked the cheque either "Accepted" or "Certified."

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NEW ZEALAND—*continued.*

Suction Dredger.

H.M. Trade Commissioner has also forwarded a further extract from the local press stating that the Westport Harbour Board has decided to obtain preliminary estimates for the building of a new suction dredger. A proposal to have the dredger built locally was defeated, as it was considered impossible to build a vessel of the type required at Westport. (C.I.B. 45,491*b*.)

Plant and Material for Road Improvement.

The Imperial Trade Correspondent at Auckland (Mr. A. J. Denniston) reports that the Epsom Road Board proposes to raise a loan of £60,000 for the improvement of the roads in the district of Epsom, a suburb of Auckland. (C.I.B 46,708.)

SOUTH AFRICA.

Electric Lighting Plant.

The office of H.M. Trade Commissioner in South Africa reports that, according to information received from the Commissioner of Customs and Excise at Pretoria, a meeting of ratepayers at Cape Town has authorised the City Council to raise a loan of £75,000 for the purpose of extending the *electric lighting system.* (C.I.B. 46,660.)

N.B.—With reference to the foregoing notices relative to openings for trade in the Self-Governing Dominions, it should be borne in mind that postage must be prepaid on all communications addressed to H.M. Trade Commissioners, &c. This notice has been rendered necessary owing to the impression which appears to exist that such correspondence could go unstamped.

CEYLON.

Articles to Replace German Supplies. See article on p. 959.

NETHERLANDS (CURACAO).

Material and Plant for Oil Refinery. See notice on p. 985.

FRANCE.

Office Requisites; Stationery.

H.M. Consul at Lyons (Mr. E. R. E. Vicars) reports that a firm in Lagnieu (Ain), dealing in all kinds of *office requisites* and *stationery*, which hitherto have been bought largely from Germany, now wishes to enter into relations with United Kingdom firms.

H.M. Consul has forwarded a copy of the firm's catalogue showing the kinds of articles required, and this may be *inspected* by United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., where also the name of the firm may be *obtained*.

(C.I.B. 45,633.)

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FRANCE—*continued.*

Bootmakers', Haberdashers' and Hosiers' Supplies.

The British Vice-Consul at Angers (Mr. R. Richou) reports that a local agent is desirous of representing United Kingdom manufacturers of *goods likely to interest bootmakers and wholesale dealers in haberdashery* and *hosiery*. *See note on p.* 937.

United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned should apply to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., for the name and address of the enquirer. (C.I.B. 45,355.

Ramie; Burnished Blackplates; Umbrella Mountings; Ribbons.

The issues of the "Bulletin" of the British Chamber of Commerce in Paris, dated 15th and 22nd September, announce that French firms are in the market for *ramie* for incandescent mantles (G.W. 1285); *burnished blackplates* (G.W. 1286); *umbrella mountings* (G.W. 1287); and *ribbons* (G.W. 1288.)

Communications relating to the foregoing should be addressed to the Secretary, British Chamber of Commerce, 9, Rue des Pyramides, Paris. The respective reference numbers should be quoted.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Textile Machinery. See notice on p. 986.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (PHILIPPINE ISLANDS).

Textiles, Haberdashery, &c. to Replace German Supplies.

The Acting British Consul-General at Manila (Mr. T. Harrington) reports that a British firm in Manila and another in Jolo (Sulu) desire to get into communication with United Kingdom manufacturers of the undermentioned goods formerly imported into the Philippine Islands from Germany and Austria.

The following were the principal items of import from these two countries:—*Cotton goods, cheap silk and artificial silk goods, trinkets, felt hats, hair combs, hair pins, safety pins, cigarette paper, cheap stationery, enamelled ware, cheap perfumes and soaps*, and *umbrellas*.

Mr. Harrington has also forwarded several samples of cotton prints and sarongs of German manufacture sold in Manila, and these may be inspected by United Kingdom manufacturers interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (See also notice on p. 957.)

United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods specified and exporters of U.K. goods may obtain the names and addresses of the enquirers, together with the address of the London office of the Jolo (Sulu) firm, on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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COLOMBIA.

Textiles, Haberdashery, &c. to Replace German Supplies.

H.M. Minister at Bogotá has forwarded the following list of articles for which there is a demand in that city, and which have hitherto been largely supplied by German firms. (*See Note on p.* 937):—

Textiles:—*Woollen and cotton shawls* (sizes from 80 by 80 up to 160 by 160 centimetres); cheap qualities of *woollen cloth; self-coloured woollen cloth* for women's dresses; *cotton and woollen dress goods; bed covers* of all kinds, ordinary and fine qualities, white and coloured.

Clothing:—*Ready-made clothing* for men and women; *felt hats, soft felt hats*, and *caps; shirts; woollen and cotton socks and stockings; woollen and cotton underclothing* for men and women.

Haberdashery (hard):—*Pins, needles, combs, thimbles, buttons, &c.*

Haberdashery (soft):—*Ribbons, laces and fancy tapes; ties, collars, cuffs.*

Miscellaneous:—*Enamelled ware* (one colour and decorated); cheap *hardware; packing paper; printing paper; writing materials* such as *ink, envelopes, papers, pencils, slates*, &c.; *toys; brushes; sweets; tinned foods.*

(C.I.B. 46,196.)

Oil Boring Plant, &c.

The "Diario Oficial" (Bogotá) notifies that a contract has been entered into between the Colombian Ministry of Public Works and Señor Pedro Antonio Peña for the exploitation of petroleum deposits in the district of San Vicente de Chucurí, Department of Santander. The maximum period allowed for exploration and preliminary works is two years.

CHILE.

Textiles.

The Acting British Consul at Santiago reports that an agent, who has been established in business in that city for a number of years, desires to secure the representation of United Kingdom manufacturers of all kinds of *textiles*. *See Note on p.* 937.

United Kingdom textile manufacturers should apply to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., for the name and address of the enquirer.

(C.I.B. 46,700.)

ARGENTINA.

Hospital Construction Material and Equipment.

The "Boletin Oficial" (Buenos Aires) of 21st August publishes a Decree approving a project relative to the construction of a *hospital* in La Rioja at an estimated cost of 501,605 pesos currency (about £43,900).

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ARGENTINA—*continued.*

Railway Material.

The same issue of the "Boletin" also publishes a Decree authorising the Argentine State Railways Administration to carry out surveys in connection with a proposed railway from San Luis to the station of Milagro on the Northern Argentine Railway, passing through Candelaria, Quines and San Francisco.

Irrigation Plant.

A further Decree published in the "Boletin" of 21st August authorises the Argentine "Dirección-General de Irrigación" to carry out surveys in the Province of Córdoba with a view to utilising the waters of the Rio Seco for irrigation purposes.

JAPAN.

Woollen Yarns; Iron Bars, Plates, Pipes, &c. to replace German Supplies.

H.M. Consul-General at Yokohama (Mr. A. M. Chalmers) reports that imports into Yokohama from Germany in 1914 amounted to £1,761,095 as compared with £3,093,676 in 1913. Amongst other goods hitherto largely imported from Germany into Yokohama are the following:—*woollen yarns, iron (bars, rods, T-angle, &c.) iron plates and sheets, iron pipes and tubes, iron nails, insulated wire, bookbinding cloth, and printing paper.* (A.R. 62.)

JAPAN (COREA).

Material and Plant for Harbour Works.

See notice on p. 984.

N.B.—With reference to the foregoing notices relative to openings for trade abroad, attention is drawn to the importance of paying correct postage on catalogues, &c., and of ensuring that packages sent at reduced rates by the "Printed and Commercial Papers Post" are sent open (see p. 57 of the current issue of the Post Office Guide).

OPENINGS IN ALL COUNTRIES.

Confidential Information.

Firms in the United Kingdom desirous of receiving confidential information as to opportunities for the extension abroad of those branches of trade in which they are specially interested, and as to other connected matters, may, upon application, have their names placed on a Special Register at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade.

The confidential information communicated to firms so registered relates mainly to openings for British trade abroad, and is received from His Majesty's Consular Officers in Foreign Countries, from His Majesty's Trade Commissioners and the Imperial Trade Correspondents in the British Dominions, and from the Board of Trade Correspondents in the Crown Colonies, supplemented by information from other sources available to the Commercial Intelligence Branch.

Firms inscribed on the Register may indicate the particular lines of trade to which the information to be sent to them should relate, and a classified list of subjects is sent to all applicants for registration with this object. During 1914, 989 separate circulars were issued (to the number of 142,005 copies) to firms on the Special Register interested in the particular branches of trade to which the circulars related.

The great volume of information distributed under this system has rendered it necessary to make a small charge for the service *which includes the regular supply of the weekly "Board of Trade Journal,"* and accordingly firms whose names are inscribed on the Register are required to pay an annual fee of One Guinea to the Accountant-General of the Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.

The "Journal" itself contains a large amount of information as to openings for British trade abroad and as to other matters of interest to British traders generally. Information published in it is not repeated by circular to firms whose names are on the Special Register; the confidential information communicated to the latter is confined to matters which, at the time, have not been published in the "Journal," or are not intended to be published at all.

Firms in the United Kingdom who wish to have their names inscribed on the Special Register should apply in writing to the Director of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., for the necessary form of application.

N.B.—Admission to the Register, and retention upon it, are at the discretion of the Board of Trade.

SELF-GOVERNING DOMINIONS: NOTICE TO BRITISH MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS.

British manufacturers and exporters desirous of extending their trade abroad need not be reminded of the special advantages likely to accrue by sending travelling representatives at the present time to the Self-Governing Dominions, but it may not be out of place to remind them of the desirability of instructing their representatives on their arrival in the respective Dominions to call upon H.M. Trade Commissioners.

The Trade Commissioners, of whom a list will be found on p. 995, having available a large amount of general information regarding local conditions and requirements, and knowing more or less who are the agents likely to deal with specific British goods, and who are the dealers likely to purchase them, are in a specially advantageous position for affording useful information to British representatives as well as for obtaining any special information of which these may stand in need. (C.I.B. 44,783.)

BOARD OF TRADE EXHIBITIONS.

EXHIBITIONS AT LEICESTER AND NOTTINGHAM OF SAMPLES OF GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN GOODS FROM ABROAD.

The samples of goods of German and Austrian manufacture, collected in British and foreign markets abroad, which have been exhibited at the Commercial Intelligence Branch (Foreign Samples Section), 32, Cheapside, London, E.C., are now being exhibited at Newarke Secondary School, Leicester. This exhibition will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and will finally close on Saturday, 2nd October.

The next exhibition, regarding which further particulars will be announced next week, will take place at Nottingham from 18th to 23rd October, both dates inclusive.

Further announcements as to the exhibition of these samples in other industrial centres will be made as soon as arrangements are completed.

The goods to be shown are of great variety, and represent the following trades and industries:—

Textiles:—Woollen and cotton piece goods, suitings and coatings, shawls, hose and half hose, underwear, blankets, cotton prints, tea cloths and d'oyleys, silks and velvets, silk shawls and wraps, children's ready-made clothing, dress shirts, bathing costumes, cotton and silk velvets, velveteens, tweeds, venetians, flannel and flannelette, woollen tissues.

Haberdashery (soft):—Wools, fabric gloves, cotton and fancy threads, fancy galoons, braids, trimmings and edgings, lace, lace edgings and nets, Barmen and embroidered laces.

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Haberdashery (hard):—Buttons (metal, bone, covered and celluloid), press studs, studs, needles and pins, hatpins, hooks and eyes, buckles, eyelets, thimbles, button hooks, crochet hooks, measure tapes.

Fancy and leather goods:—Purses and handbags, purse frames, puff boxes, tobacco boxes, belts (leather, cotton and elastic), umbrellas, Kaffir truck, mirrors, glass bangles, cheap jewellery, paper matting, celluloid and vulcanite goods.

Glassware and crockery:—Cups and saucers, fancy tea sets, tea pots, jugs, mugs, basins, plates, rice dishes, sugar basins, ornaments, lamp glasses, bottles, tumblers, wine glasses, churns.

Hardware; enamel goods; aluminium ware, &c.:—Enamel toilet sets, dinner carriers, coffee pots, basins, mugs, cups and saucers, rice and soup plates, kettles and tea pots, saucepans; aluminium basins, plates, mugs, kettles, saucepans, frying-pans, cullenders, fish kettles, strainers; nails and screws, coat and hat hooks; lamps (hurricane, table and hanging); blow lamps; oil and spirit stoves; spring bolts, locks and hinges, hasps and staples, latches; brass taps and unions, door and drawer handles, window fasteners, table bells, awls, dog chains, split rings, corkscrews, tin openers, coffee mills, stocks and dies, cloth cutters, punches, spring balances, family weighing scales, tinned and wire goods (miscellaneous), rat traps, magnets, rules, bag hooks.

Tools, cutlery and electro goods:—Horse clippers, hair clippers, apple pickers' nickers, pliers (various), bits (various), gimlets, files (various), callipers and dividers, vices, sheep shears, farrier's nippers, nail pullers, ratchets, saws (various), saw sets, fret saws, spanners, table knives, pocket knives, razors, scissors, mason's trowels, sheep ear markers, combination tools, rules, hammers, augers, screw drivers, chisels, rakes, hoes, choppers, spades, matchets, planes and plane cutters, gauges, chucks, chain pipe wrenches, bolt clippers, spoons and forks, cruets.

Miscellaneous:—Brushes (hair, tooth, paint, clothes); sash tools; sewing machines; clocks; musical instruments (mouth organs, concertinas, accordeons, tin whistles, violin strings); hats (felt, woollen and cotton caps, fez caps); stationery (note paper, envelopes, note books, pens, pencils, erasers, &c.); cigarette papers; dyes; eternit and asbestos; twine and yarns; toys; soaps; scents and pomades.

The samples have been received from the following British Dominions, Possessions, Protectorates, &c.:—

British India, Ceylon, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa, East Africa Protectorate, Zanzibar, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast, Gambia, Barbados, Trinidad, Dominica, Windward Islands, Bermuda, British Guiana, Straits Settlements, Wei-hai-wei, Fiji, Malta, and Cyprus.

Samples will also be on view which have been received from the following foreign countries:—

Russia, Spain (Corunna), Italy, Corfu, Algiers, Morocco, Madeira, Lourenço Marques, Loanda, United States of America (Philadelphia), Guatemala, Brazil, China, Manchuria, Chinese Turkestan, Siam, New Caledonia, &c.

EXHIBITION OF GERMAN CATALOGUES.

The importance that German manufacturers have placed upon the production of catalogues printed in the language and currency of the countries to which their goods were exported is well known, and has been frequently emphasised in the reports from H.M. Trade Commissioners and H.M. Consular Officers appearing in the pages of the "Board of Trade Journal."

In order that British manufacturers may have an opportunity of inspecting catalogues of German origin, the Board of Trade have collected over 3,000 specimens, illustrating a great variety of industries, and these may be inspected at the Foreign Samples Section of the Commercial Intelligence Branch, 32, Cheapside, London, E.C. A complete index of the catalogues has been prepared, rendering ready identification of any particular catalogue a simple matter.

Copies of the index may be obtained on application to: The Director, Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade (Foreign Samples Section), 32, Cheapside, London, E.C.

Arrangements have been made whereby catalogues may be lent to United Kingdom firms established in the Provinces, and where this is desired, the number of days for which the loan of the catalogues is required should be stated in the application to the Director.

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PROHIBITION OF EXPORTS TO CHINA AND SIAM UNLESS CONSIGNED TO AUTHORISED PERSONS.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

RELATING TO THE EXPORTATION OF ALL ARTICLES TO CHINA AND SIAM DURING THE PRESENT WAR.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS by section 1 of the Exportation of Arms Act, 1900, it is enacted that We may, by Proclamation, prohibit the exportation of all or any of the following articles, namely:—Arms, ammunition, military and naval stores and any article which We shall judge capable of being converted into or made useful in increasing the quantity of arms, ammunition or military or naval stores to any country or place therein named whenever We shall judge such prohibition to be expedient, in order to prevent such arms, ammunition or military or naval stores being used against Our forces or against any forces engaged or which may be engaged in military or naval operations in co-operation with Our forces:

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And whereas by section 1 of the Customs (Exportation Restriction) Act, 1914, it is enacted that the above-recited section 1 of the Exportation of Arms Act, 1900, shall have effect whilst a state of war in which His Majesty is engaged exists as if, in addition to the articles therein mentioned there were included all other articles of every description:

And whereas by section 1 of the Customs (Exportation Restriction) Act, 1915, it is enacted that the power of His Majesty under section 1 of the Exportation of Arms Act, 1900, as amended by the Customs (Exportation Restriction) Act, 1914, by Proclamation to prohibit the exportation of articles to any country or place named in the Proclamation, shall, during the continuance of the present war, include the power to prohibit the exportation of any article to any such country or place unless consigned to such person or persons as may be authorised by or under the Proclamation to receive such article:

Now, THEREFORE, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, in virtue and in exercise of the powers aforesaid, to declare and it is hereby declared, that the exportation of the articles mentioned in the second column of the Schedule hereto is prohibited to the countries named in the first column of the said Schedule unless those articles are consigned to the persons referred to in the third column of the said Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

Countries.	Articles.	Authorised Persons.
China ... ... Siam	All articles	Such persons or bodies of persons as may be notified from time to time by order of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs or of the Board of Trade to be published in the London, Edinburgh and Dublin Gazettes.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this Twenty-fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen and in the Sixth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

TRADE WITH CHINA AND SIAM.

The Board of Trade draw attention to the Proclamation just issued (*see* immediately preceding notice) prohibiting the exportation of goods consigned to any persons or bodies of persons in China or Siam other than such as may be notified by Order of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs or of the Board of Trade, to be inserted in the London, Edinburgh and Dublin Gazettes. First lists of

approved consignees follow the text of the Proclamation in the "London Gazette" published 24th September.*

Firms desiring to export goods to the countries in question consigned to traders not yet appearing in these lists should make application to the Foreign Office, who will if necessary enquire by telegraph (at the applicants' expense) or by post, of His Majesty's Consular Officers whether the proposed consignees may be approved as not serving as intermediaries for enemy firms.

IMPORTATION OF BELGIAN GOODS.

Licences to Import necessary.

The Board of Trade direct the special attention of traders to the Trading with the Enemy (Occupied Territory) Proclamation of February 16th last, which extends the provisions of the Trading with the Enemy Proclamation of 9th September, 1914, to all territory in the effective military occupation of an enemy, and in virtue of which it is prohibited to trade with or pay money to or for the benefit of firms situated in territory so occupied without the express permission of His Majesty's Government.

Persons desiring to import goods of Belgian origin, who are not already in possession of a licence to do so, should make special application to the Board of Trade for such licence before negotiating for the purchase of the goods.

RUBBER AND TIN EXPORTS COMMITTEE.

Additional Member appointed.

Mr. Runciman, the President of the Board of Trade, has appointed Mr. Vernon James Watney, J.P., to be an additional member of the Committee which deals with questions relating to the export of rubber and tin from the United Kingdom and British Possessions.

VICE-CONSULATE AT MONTE CRISTY (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC) CLOSED.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade is notified by the Foreign Office that the British Vice-Consulate at Monte Cristy, Dominican Republic, has been closed. (C.I.B. 46,853.)

CARBIDE OF CALCIUM.

Notice to Shipowners, Shipmasters, Shippers and Others.

The following announcement has been issued by the Marine Department of the Board of Trade:—

"Carbide of calcium being 'dangerous goods' within the "meaning of Section 446 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, "should, in addition to being marked as required by Order-in-"Council dated 8th August, 1911, be packed in hermetically "sealed drums of a thickness of not less than 6 mm. (or Legal

* Obtainable from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Limited, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., price 1s. 0½d., post free.

"Standard Gauge No. 23). The drums must be covered with "a wood overcask the staves of which must not be less than "⅜ in. thick. The overcask to be properly fastened and bound with "three metal hoops. Care must be taken that the nails used to "fasten the outer cask do not penetrate the drum. The gross weight "of each package must not exceed 250 lbs."

"The carbide must be stowed in a dry, well ventilated compartment "adjacent to a hatchway, and not overstowed with other cargo."

"Explosives or cargo of a nature liable to spontaneous combustion "must not be stowed in the same compartment."

NAVAL PRIZES.

Names of Vessels Detained or Captured.

With reference to the notice on p. 887 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" relative to Naval Prizes, it is notified that the "London Gazette" of 24th September contains a further list of ships whose cargoes, or part of them, have been detained.

The issue of the "London Gazette" referred to may be obtained, price 1s. 0½d. (post free), from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, London, E.C.

Prize Courts in British Oversea Dominions.

With reference to the notice on p. 887 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" relative to Prize Courts in British Oversea Dominions, it is notified that the "London Gazette" of 24th September states that proceedings have been instituted in the Prize Court in Malta in respect of cargoes *ex* the vessels "Byzantion," "Spetzai," "Eperos," and "Erissos." Appearances should be entered immediately.

The "London Gazette" of 28th September notifies that, as a result of proceedings before the Supreme Court of Fiji, the German vessel "Elfriede" has been condemned.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY.

Basutoland, Bechuanaland, Swaziland and Southern Rhodesia Proclamations.*

PROCLAMATION

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Southern Rhodesia Trading with the Enemy Proclamation 1914† (hereinafter referred to as "the said Proclamation");

* The Proclamations in respect of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland are in similar terms to the Southern Rhodesia Proclamation which follows.

† Copies of the original Proclamation in respect of Basutoland, Bechuanaland, Swaziland and Southern Rhodesia may be *seen* by United Kingdom firms interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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Now therefore under and by virtue of the powers in me vested I do hereby declare proclaim and make known as follows:—

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in the proviso to section *five* of the said Proclamation, transactions hereafter entered into by persons firms or companies resident carrying on business or being in Southern Rhodesia—

(*a*) in respect of banking business with a branch situated outside British territory in South Africa of an enemy person firm or company; or

(*b*) in respect of any description of business with a branch situated outside British territory in South Africa of an enemy bank;

shall be considered as transactions with an enemy.

This section shall not be construed as prohibiting bonâ fide commercial transactions merely on the ground that they may involve some financial operation which technically comes within the meaning of the words "banking business" if such operation is incidental only to the transaction and does not affect the general character thereof as a commercial, as distinguished from a banking transaction; nor shall it be construed as prohibiting transactions of British banks or their branches with persons, firms, or companies which do not undertake banking business, or which, in carrying out the special transaction, are acting in the ordinary way of commerce and not as bankers, provided such transactions are permissible independently of this Proclamation.

2. This Proclamation shall have force and take effect from the date of its publication in the "Gazette."*

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Pretoria this fourth day of August one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

BUXTON,
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency the
High Commissioner.
C. H. RODWELL,
Imperial Secretary.

* 13th August, 1915.

TRADE CONDITIONS ABROAD.

New Zealand (Dunedin).—The Imperial Trade Correspondent at Dunedin (Mr. W. T. Monkman) reports, under date 29th July, that trade has been fairly satisfactory, the arrival of overdue indents having replenished a number of stocks that had been reduced. But although these imports—particularly building materials—are being readily absorbed to meet immediate requirements, the largely increased cost of many articles of commerce may possibly lead to a curtailed demand for all but actual necessaries. Present indications favour that view.

Much, however, depends on the output of the season's produce. The winter season has so far favoured agriculturists. But even should the export be a large one it is unlikely to realise the high prices that ruled in the past year. (C.I.B. 45,494.)

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Philippine Islands (Department of Mindanao and Sulu).—The Acting British Consul-General at Manila (Mr. T. Harrington) reports that the larger part of the foreign trade of the Department of Mindanao and Sulu is carried on with Singapore. The distribution of merchandise in the interior of Mindanao is in the hands of the Chinese; at the port of Zamboanga the bulk of the import trade is in the hands of German firms, who have obtained a firm hold on trade by granting long credits and by a system of advances against future crops of coconuts, &c. At Jolo (Sulu) there is one British firm (*vide* the notice on p. 946).

Until the outbreak of war the whole of the carrying trade between Singapore and Zamboanga and Jolo was also in the hands of a German shipping company, but this trade has now passed to British vessels.

Whilst the volume of trade in the Department is at present small, it will increase as the country is opened up. The natives are taking up trade and agriculture, and business, especially in such goods as bright cotton and artificial silk goods, trinkets, &c., of which they are fond, should gradually increase. (C. 29,633.)

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Russia (Caucasus).—H.M. Consul at Batoum (Mr. P. Stevens) writes that from correspondence which has taken place between the British Consulate at Batoum, and firms in the United Kingdom since the outbreak of the war, it is evident that some British firms do not fully comprehend the situation or the peculiarity of the Russian markets in general and the Trans-Caucasian markets in particular, and states that if the want of this full comprehension is general the favourable opportunity which will occur immediately peace is concluded for taking advantage of the situation firmly to secure the Russian markets will be lost.

The Russian markets differ very considerably from the markets of Western Europe; distances are enormous and it is absurd to refer people in Russia, who are anxious to do business with United Kingdom firms, to distributing centres hundreds and sometimes thousands of miles

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away, especially as these centres have their own districts to attend to, and as the conditions obtaining at these places differ so completely from conditions in the Caucasus, and still more so from those prevalent in the Trans-Caucasus.

Letters from Batoum, Tiflis, or Erivan take from four to seven days to reach Rostov or Odessa. Distributing centres still further removed than the two mentioned, such as Kiev, Kharkov, Moscow, Petrograd, and those situated along the Volga or in the Urals, are of little or no value to the Trans-Caucasus owing to the great distance which separates each from the other and the extensive areas they have to serve.

If British manufacturers wish to come into close touch with consumers and buyers in the more distant areas of Russia, they must have their representatives or depôts as near as possible to each distributing centre and not limit themselves to one representative or depôt for the whole of Russia.

Furthermore, a feature peculiar to the Russian market is the smallness of the capital employed in trade. Both commerce and industry, particularly in their more modern branches, *e.g.* sundry machinery, lathes, motors, &c., are mostly in the hands of people without capital, who are therefore able to do business only on credit. Credit is an absolute necessity to the great bulk of persons employed in trade and industry in Russia. German firms knew this well and developed trade extensively, thanks to the credit given. German manufacturing firms have been known to accept orders for up to £12,000 and £15,000 worth of machinery and to receive only from £2,000 to £4,000 on account, a sum which in most cases would barely suffice to pay duty on the goods and the expenses of erecting the plant. The payment of the balance due on the machinery was spread over a period of from two to three years. The sale of motors on a system of one to two years' credit has become a common rule.

A British firm having a representative a great distance away from a given market cannot rapidly, or with any measure of security, decide what credit should be given to a purchaser in a remote district. For such a decision the manufacturer must have a representative on the spot who could decide what credit should be given in each instance. Also the manufacturer should safeguard himself against possible fraud by requiring security in exchange for such representation.*

The impecunious condition of the Russian markets in general and Caucasian markets in particular account for the keen desire of the people to buy cheap goods, especially machinery. As regards the purchase of cheap goods, the lack of education in the great mass of buyers has to be taken into consideration. They are still too backward to realise that superior articles cannot be offered for sale at the same price as a badly-made article.

* It is not easy to see how this can be done. Probably the best method for availing of the opportunity to which Mr. Stevens alludes would be for a number of manufacturers to unite to support a competent British agent in the Caucasus, as has already been done successfully in another part of Russia.

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If British manufacturers have a desire to enter into extensive business relations in the Caucasus they will have to give their serious consideration to the question of producing cheap goods, especially at first, and gradually to educate the buyer to the purchase of the more expensive article. (C.I.B. 46.033.)

NOTICE TO TRADERS WITH ROUMANIA.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade is advised that in view of the difficulties at present existing in regard to Exchange between the United Kingdom and Roumania, sellers of goods ordered thence would do well to require cash in London in advance. It is understood that business is already being conducted on this basis.

It may be explained that the law now in force in Roumania legalises payment of sterling indebtedness at the par of 25·22 lei per £ (and that no agreement to pay at a different rate would hold at law there), whereas the collecting bank would have to pay a very much higher rate (say some 15 per cent. higher) for a draft on London.

(C. 31,002.)

GERMAN METHODS OF BUSINESS IN CEYLON.

Opportunity to Capture Trade.

The following particulars regarding the nature and extent of the imports into Ceylon from Germany during 1912, 1913 and 1914, and the methods adopted by German firms to advance their business, are extracted from the "Ceylon Administration Reports, 1914, (Part II.–Revenue)," compiled by the Principal Collector of Customs at Colombo :—

The total value of the imports (exclusive of specie) into Ceylon in 1914 amounted to 172,318,000 rupees, as compared with 186,073,000 rupees in 1913 and 175,323,000 rupees in 1912. Of these totals, Germany's share was respectively 4,298,000 rupees, 6,022,000 rupees and 5,905,000 rupees.

The values of the principal articles imported from Germany in the first half of 1914 were as follows :—biscuits (76,000 rupees); fertilisers (590,900 rupees); dyed piece goods (83,700 rupees); galvanised wire (40,900 rupees); hardware (173,400 rupees); hoop iron (73,000 rupees); cast steel (40,600 rupees); motor cars and parts (319,800 rupees); cement (135,985 rupees); chinaware (121,600 rupees); glass and glassware (61,500 rupees); haberdashery (161,500 rupees); jewellery (48,100 rupees); lamps (72,500 rupees); machinery (35,600 rupees); and perfumery (77,500 rupees).

The question of most immediate interest is the best means of ousting German commerce as far as possible from the Ceylon market, for trivial though it may be when compared with the large markets of the world, Ceylon is typical of the advanced East, and is thus of importance.

German Methods of Business in Ceylon.

German commerce in Ceylon was of two kinds; that which may be termed the legitimate, which in Ceylon consisted of imports of articles either exclusively the produce of Germany, or which it was possible for the German trader to sell more cheaply than the corresponding British articles; and the other, or illegitimate trade, which consisted in selling inferior imitations of British or other goods.

As regards the illegitimate branch of German commerce, 31 seizures were made under the Merchandise Marks Act in 1914, in 17 of which the goods were confiscated, whilst in 14 the goods were released after rectification. In all but 7 of the cases, the infringements of the law were in respect of German goods and invariably consisted in the use of the English language—thereby falsely indicating British manufacture—without any counter indication of the true country of origin. In this apparently unobtrusive manner the German manufacturer has been wont to commend his pocket knives, sewing machines, razors, axeheads, soaps, cricket belts, pipes, hosiery, &c. to the native buyer.

In regard to the legitimate branch of German trade, such as imports of chemists' goods, toys, &c., the only way to obtain this trade now and to retain it in the future is by establishing the necessary organisation. The question seems to be chiefly one of method, for the large volume of German imports comprised cheap goods (not exactly shoddy) which are, presumably, very similar to those sold to the poorer classes in Southern Europe. At present the only British manufacture of this nature which is at all pushed in Ceylon is cheap jewellery produced in Birmingham.

No commercial travellers from the United Kingdom have attempted to counter the Germans in selling the cheap, bright-coloured haberdashery dear to the Oriental taste, but there is no reason why the Ceylon market should be thus neglected. The goods themselves may be trivial, but they are pleasing to the millions who inhabit the East, and if the United Kingdom neglects these minor industries, they will be supplied if not by Germany, then by Japan or America. And the market is important, for although at one extreme the articles supplied are intrinsically of small value, they range by gradations to the goods which are only slightly inferior to the best British-made article, with which their cheaper price enables them successfully to compete. Again, it is not by cheapness alone that German competition has succeeded, but by organised method in consulting not only the taste, but the convenience of buyers.

As an example of one method of German competition the following instance is cited: brass bell locks and till locks of British manufacture are superior in quality, but the German article competes with success owing to its being sold at a slightly lower price, and owing to the fact that the buyer is attracted by a touch of coloured varnish on the bell. It is true that the lock may be inferior, and once fixed and in use the bell will be completely hidden, but in the shopman's hands, that touch of colour is an asset—and so in numerous other cases.

Cheapness is certainly the determining factor, but the taste of the buyer and the convenience of the importer are also worthy of attention.

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The latter is a simple matter, e.g., terms must be quoted c.i.f. and not f.o.b., and if possible in the currency of the locality. Combined with cheapness the German trader has been able to grant peculiarly easy terms of credit.

To sum up, the secret of such German trade success as there has been in the past, in competition with British goods, is adaptability to the native taste on a foundation of cheapness, combined with the use of c.i.f. quotations and the methods of credit and differentiation in discounts familiar to the East. (C.I.B. 45,774.)

Rupee = 1s. 4d.

FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN COLOMBIA.

The "Diario Oficial" (Bogotá) of 10th July publishes a report on the financial and economic situation in Colombia, made by the Colombian Delegation to the Financial Conference held in Washington last May, from which the following particulars are extracted:—

Previous to the outbreak of the European war economic progress in Colombia and confidence in the future of the Republic had induced European syndicates and capitalists to present various schemes for the material and financial development of the country. A project was presented to the Government by a French bank for the formation of a Central Bank, with a capital of 5,000,000 pesos gold, and another for a Mortgage Bank with a similar capital, but owing to the war the negotiations are in abeyance. As regards public works, the Government had contracted with British firms to give estimates for works at the principal ports on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts. Surveys were made for schemes covering a sum of from £3,000,000 to £5,000,000, and a contract for one of the undertakings, valued at 3,000,000 pesos gold, had already been signed. Much interest has been displayed in the rich petroleum deposits of the Republic, and the Colombian Congress passed a law forbidding the permanent concession of petroliferous areas to exploiting companies, and limiting such concessions to a definite number of years. Two years ago a combine of various European contractors put a scheme before the Government for the construction of all the projected railways, undertaking to find the necessary capital, to construct the lines with European material, and to work them until the Government was prepared to purchase them. The Balkan war did not permit the syndicate to proceed further with their negotiations, and owing to the present war it has been impossible to renew them.

The Government of Colombia are prepared to give every facility to reliable companies desirous of undertaking work for the economic development of the country. Amongst the most urgent public works are the railways. Confident in the normal development of the country the Government had decided on a plan of public works, including the improvement of the River Magdalena (see p. 133 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 14th January last), the improvement of navigation on the Pacific coast, the construction of a

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railway from Cúcuta to the Magdalena, and the erection of schools and public buildings. Apart from the opportunity for the investment of capital and the carrying out of works in connection with the larger development schemes, there is still much to be done in the way of municipal undertakings, such as tramways, lighting systems, slaughter houses, public markets, &c.

The banks established in the capital of the Republic have a total capital of about 4,330,000 pesos gold, which, if it has been sufficient in time past, is now too small for actual requirements. The situation of these banks at the end of December, 1914, was approximately as shown in the following table:—

—	Capital.	Reserve Fund.	Deposits.
	Pesos gold.	Pesos gold.	Pesos gold.
Bank of Colombia	780,000	32,750	2,638,000
Bank of Bogotá	250,000	100,000	1,520,000
Central Bank	2,300,000	343,000	706,000
Mortgage Bank	1,000,000	49,100	394,000

The condition of trade in general and of private enterprises in the period immediately preceding the declaration of the European war was very satisfactory. In 1913 the value of the export trade was 34,315,800 pesos gold, and that of the import trade 28,535,800 pesos gold. On the outbreak of war, in spite of the necessary restriction of economic activity in the country, there was no necessity to declare a Moratorium, either for the banks or for individual debtors. The banks did not press for collection of their credits, and the situation reverted to the normal without other remedy than voluntary economy in expenses and the intelligent management of capital. So favourable were the circumstances that the principal enterprises of the country, such as the electric power companies, cotton mills and sugar refineries, both in the interior and on the coast, prepared to extend their business.

Peso gold = 4s. at par.

FOREIGN TRADE OF ARGENTINA DURING JANUARY TO JUNE, 1915.

H.M. Minister at Buenos Aires reports that, according to preliminary official statistics, the value of the imports of merchandise into Argentina during the first six months of 1915 was £20,026,000 as compared with £34,203,000 in the corresponding period of 1914. The exports of merchandise were valued at £62,182,000, as compared with £42,746,000. As regards imports, it should be remembered that the figures are based on the arbitrary valuations of the Customs tariff of values, which have been the same for both periods.

Foreign Trade of Argentina during January to June, 1915.

The principal classes of **imports** during the six months ended 30th June, 1914 and 1915, were valued as follows:—

	January-June, 1914.	January-June, 1915.
	£	£
Agricultural implements, tools, seeds, &c.	321,000	293,000
Base metals (except iron and steel) and manufactures of	1,022,000	554,000
Building materials of all kinds	2,399,000	1,103,000
Chemicals and pharmaceutical products	1,376,000	1,051,000
Coal, earthenware, chinaware, asphalt, &c.	3,597,000	2,090,000
Electrical goods	959,000	353,000
Foodstuffs	2,712,000	2,291,000
Iron and steel, and manufactures of	4,696,000	1,900,000
Leather and manufactures of	348,000	179,000
Oils and grease	1,958,000	2,465,000
Paper and manufactures of	890,000	553,000
Textiles	6,752,000	4,385,000
Vehicles of all kinds, including locomotives, rolling stock, railway material, &c.	3,446,000	591,000
Wines, spirits, beer, mineral waters, &c.	322,000	592,000
Wood and manufactures of	750,000	365,000

The values of the principal **exports** from Argentina during the period under review were as follows:—

	January-June, 1914.	January-June, 1915.
	£	£
Wheat	6,528,000	24,206,000
Wheat flour	582,000	1,250,000
Maize	5,589,000	6,599,000
Oats	1,571,000	3,176,000
Linseed	6,775,000	5,206,000
Wool in the grease	7,173,000	6,906,000
Hides of cattle	3,736,000	4,307,000
Sheepskins	548,000	626,000
Beef, frozen and chilled...	4,119,000	3,237,000
Mutton, frozen	497,000	283,000
Quebracho extract	420,000	1,210,000
.. logs	522,000	193,000

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ESTIMATED RUSSIAN GRAIN CROPS IN 1915.

The "Torg. From. Gazeta" (Petrograd) of 16th/19th September publishes the latest available information, compiled by the Central Statistical Committee, relative to the prospects of the yield of grain this year in Russia. Owing to the invasion of Russia only very incomplete returns were obtained from the Governments of Kovno, Kholm and Courland, whilst no returns at all are available for the nine Governments of Russian Poland. The subjoined table shows the area under grain and potatoes in 64 Governments and Provinces only instead of the usual 73, the figures for 1914 being given for purposes of comparison:—

Estimated Russian Grain Crops in 1915.

—	1914.	1915.	Increase + or Decrease — compared with 1914.
	Dessiatines.	Dessiatines.	Dessiatines.
Rye—			
Winter	25,198,500	25,060,500	— 138,000
Summer	551,500	506,800	— 44,700
Wheat—			
Winter	6,357,600	6,352,000	— 5,600
Summer	21,757,500	20,809,300	— 948,200
Barley	11,507,000	11,018,900	— 488,100
Oats	17,381,200	16,589,600	— 791,600
Maize	1,499,300	1,501,600	+ 2,300
Buckwheat	1,812,000	1,640,500	— 171,500
Millet	3,101,800	2,990,900	— 110,900
Potatoes	3,541,800	3,256,500	— 285,300

The following table shows the anticipated yield of grain in 61 Governments and Provinces, instead of the usual 73, the figures for 1914 and the average yield for the quinquennial period 1909-1913 being indicated for purposes of comparison :—

—	Average Yield, 1909-1913.	1914.	1915.
	1,000 pouds.	1,000 pouds.	1,000 pouds.
Rye—			
Winter	1,225,700	1,224,700	1,314,800
Summer	19,700	25,200	20,500
Wheat—			
Winter	350,400	349,000	429,000
Summer	852,700	891,900	956,600
Barley	573,200	529,100	631,500
Maize	109,400	125,800	116,300
Buckwheat	66,800	50,400	55,000
Millet	150,100	118,200	141,300
Oats	856,700	767,500	892,300

It will be seen from the foregoing table that, according to the estimates of Russian farmers, there will probably be a very considerable increase in the yield this year as compared with both last year and the quinquennial period 1909-1913, that is to say so far as regards the 61 Governments and Provinces under review. Making allowance for the quantity of grain that will be required for sowing purposes, and calculating the requirements for home consumption on the basis of 15 pouds per head per annum, the Central Statistical Committee estimates, on the basis of the data furnished by farmers, that the surplus quantity of grain for disposal will probably amount to some 957,170,000 pouds.

From the latest information to hand it appears that the harvest prospects during the last few weeks have improved in the north-western and northerly regions, but on the other hand, owing to excessive rain, the prospects are not so good in some of the south-eastern and central regions.

Dessiatine = 2·7 acres ; 1,000 pouds = 16 tons (about).

TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Increased and New Customs and Excise Duties.

With reference to the notice at page 897 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal," the Board of Trade have received from the Board of Customs and Excise a statement (a copy of which is subjoined) of the increased and new Customs and Excise duties chargeable under the House of Commons Resolutions of the 21st September.

STATEMENT OF THE INCREASED AND NEW CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES CHARGEABLE UNDER THE HOUSE OF COMMONS RESOLUTIONS OF 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1915.

A.—Increased Customs Duties.

Articles.		Rates of Duty.
		£ s. d.
CHICORY—		
Raw or kiln-dried...	the cwt.	0 19 10
Roasted or ground	the lb.	0 0 3
COCOA	..	0 0 1½
Husks and shells	the cwt.	0 3 0
Cocoa butter	the lb.	0 0 1½
Preparations of cocoa, &c.	the cwt.	Charged under Sec. 7, Finance Act, 1901.
		£ s. d.
COFFEE	,,	1 1 0
Kiln-dried, roasted, or ground	the lb.	0 0 3
Coffee and chicory (or other vegetable substances), roasted and ground; mixed	,,	0 0 3
FRUIT, dried, or otherwise preserved without sugar—		
Currants	the cwt.	0 3 0
Figs and fig cake, plums, commonly called French plums, and prunelloes, plums dried or preserved, not otherwise described, prunes and raisins ...	,,	0 10 6
Note.—Plums include greengages, damsons, mirabelles, and dried, crystallised, or glacé apricots. Tinned and bottled apricots in syrup or water, and apricot pulp, are not liable to duty as preserved plums, but when added sugar is present, as in the case of syrup, they are chargeable under the heading of "Sugar" (*which see*).		
Dutiable fruit imported in syrup or water is chargeable with duty at 10s. 6d. the cwt. on the weight of fruit without squeezing out the contained syrup or water. The syrup in such cases is separately charged with its proper duty, unless the merchant elects to pay duty on the whole weight at the fruit rate.		
Raisins include parts of raisins not being refuse.		
FRUIT, liable to duty as such, preserved with sugar—*see* Sugar.		
GLUCOSE, solid...	..	0 5 11
,, liquid	,,	0 4 3

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Articles.		Rates of Duty.
		£ s. d.
MOLASSES and invert sugar and all other sugar and extracts from sugar which cannot be completely tested by the polariscope and on which duty is not otherwise charged—		
If containing 70 per cent. or more of sweetening matter	the cwt.	0 5 11
If containing less than 70 per cent. and more than 50 per cent. of sweetening matter	,,	0 4 3
If containing not more than 50 per cent. of sweetening matter	,,	0 2 1
Molasses is free of duty when cleared for use by a licensed distiller in the manufacture of spirits, or if it is to be used solely for purposes of food for stock.		
MOTOR SPIRIT	the gallon	0 0 6
An allowance or repayment of the duty is made in respect of motor spirit used for other purposes than supplying motive power to motor cars, and of one quarter of the duty payable if the spirit is to be used for supplying motive power to motor cars employed for commercial, &c. purposes.		
In cases in which the Commissioners of Customs and Excise may approve, motor spirit may be delivered without payment of duty or on payment of three quarters of the duty.		
SACCHARIN and mixtures containing saccharin, or other substances of like nature or use	the oz.	0 3 0

	Rates of Duty.	
	Imported in Casks.	Imported in Bottles.
SPIRITS AND STRONG WATERS—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
For every gallon computed at hydrometer proof of spirits of any description (except perfumed spirits), including naphtha or methylic alcohol, purified so as to be potable; and mixtures and preparations containing spirits—		
Enumerated spirits—		
Brandy ... ... the proof gallon	*0 15 1	*0 16 1
Rum ... ... ,, ,,	*0 15 1	*0 16 1
Imitation rum ... ... ,, ,,	*0 15 2	*0 16 2
Geneva ... ... ,, ,,	*0 15 2	*0 16 2
Additional in respect of sugar used in sweetening any of the above tested for strength, if sweetened to such an extent that the spirit thereby ceases to be an enumerated spirit ... the proof gallon	0 0 5	0 0 5
Unenumerated spirits—		
Sweetened ... ... the proof gallon (Including liqueurs, cordials, mixtures and other preparations containing spirits; if tested.)	0 15 7	0 16 7

* No change in these rates.

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Articles.		Rates of Duty.			
		£	s.	d.
SUGAR—				
Not exceeding 76 degrees of polarisation	the cwt.	0	4	6
Exceeding 76 and not exceeding 77	"	0	4	7·5
" 77 " 78	"	0	4	9·3
" 78 " 79	"	0	4	11·1
" 79 " 80	"	0	5	0·9
" 80 " 81	"	0	5	2·7
" 81 " 82	"	0	5	4·5
" 82 " 83	"	0	5	6·3
" 83 " 84	"	0	5	8·3
" 84 " 85	"	0	5	10·3
" 85 " 86	"	0	6	0·3
" 86 " 87	"	0	6	2·3
" 87 " 88	"	0	6	4·6
" 88 " 89	"	0	6	6·8
" 89 " 90	"	0	6	9·5
" 90 " 91	"	0	7	0·2
" 91 " 92	"	0	7	2·9
" 92 " 93	"	0	7	5·6
" 93 " 94	"	0	7	8·2
" 94 " 95	"	0	7	10·9
" 95 " 96	"	0	8	1·6
" 96 " 97	"	0	8	4·3
" 97 " 98	"	0	8	7·0
" 98	"	0	9	4
Blacking, liquid, containing sugar or any other sweetening matter	"	0	2	1
(Together with the duty on any proof spirit contained therein).				
Note.—An additional ½d. the lb. is chargeable in respect of any of the undermentioned sugar articles in the manufacture of which spirit has been used. Confectionery in the manufacture of which a greater percentage of spirit has been used than that covered by the spirit charge of ½d. the lb. shall be chargeable with a spirit duty rate of 1d. the lb., or such spirit duty rate as analysis may show to be necessary.				
Blacking, solid, containing sugar or any other sweetening matter	"	0	2	1
Candied or drained peel	"	0	6	9
Caramel, solid	"	0	9	4
" liquid	"	0	6	9
Cherries, drained	"	0	5	1
Chutney	"	0	4	3
Cocoanut, sugared	"	0	4	3
Confectionery—				
Hard, such as—				
Sugared almonds (except as below), caraway seeds, &c.	the cwt.	0	9	4
Sugared almonds, on the entry for which the importer has declared that the sugar-coating does not exceed 72 per cent. of the total net weight	"	0	6	9
Soft, viz.—				
A.B. Gums imported in bulk, in barrels or cases, on the entry for which the importer has declared that duty on the combined quantity of sugar and glucose used in the manufacture of the goods did not exceed the rate of 4s. 3d. the cwt.	"	0	4	3
Other A.B. Gums, caramels, chewing gums, jelly beans, Turkish delight, &c.	"	0	6	9

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UNITED KINGDOM—*continued.*

Articles.		Rates of Duty.		
		£	s.	d.
SUGAR—*continued.*				
Confectionery, fig.	the cwt.	0	7	8
Confectionery made from sugar, and containing no other ingredients except flavouring	..	0	9	4
Licorice—if declared by the importer not to contain more than 30 per cent. of added sugar or other sweetening matter, subject to occasional sampling and testing	..	0	3	0
Flowers, as violets and rose petals, &c., in crystallized Sugar, as Crystallized Fruit	..	0	9	4
*Fruit, canned and bottled, other than fruit liable to duty as such, preserved in *thin* syrup, if the importer has declared on the entry that it does not contain more than 12 per cent. of added sugar ...	..	0	1	3
In other cases in *thin* syrup	..	0	2	1
Fruit, canned and bottled, other than fruit liable to duty as such, preserved in *thick* syrup	..	0	5	6
*Fruits, crystallized, Glacé and Metz, except fruit liable to duty as such	..	0	9	4
Fruits, imitation, crystallized or not, on the entry for which the importer has declared that the sugar constituents do not exceed 80 per cent. (Subject to sampling for analysis)	..	0	7	8
Fruits, imitation, crystallized or not, in all other cases	..	0	9	4
*Fruit, liable to duty as such, except currants, preserved in sugar, or syrup, whether mixed with other fruit or not	..	0	10	6
*Fruit pulp, excepting fruit pulp liable to duty as such, preserved in *thin* syrup	..	0	2	1
*Fruit pulp, excepting fruit pulp lablie to duty as such, preserved in *thick* syrup, as jam	..	0	6	9

Note.—Tinned and bottled apricots in syrup or water, and apricot pulp, are not liable to duty as preserved plums, but when added sugar is present, as in the case of syrup, they are chargeable either as fruit canned or bottled, or as fruit pulp. Apricot jam is thus chargeable at the rate of 6s. 9d. the cwt. as jam, whether imported in tins or bottles or not.

Apricots, crystallized and glacé, are chargeable with duty as preserved plums.

Dutiable fruit preserved in syrup, or in water is chargeable with duty at 10s. 6d. the cwt. on the weight of fruit without squeezing out the contained syrup or water. The syrup in such cases is separately charged with its proper duty, unless the merchant elects to pay duty on the whole weight at the fruit rate.

Boxes of mixed fruits, such as "Metz Fruits, Assorted," and bottles of "Assorted Fruits in Syrup," containing articles liable to two or more distinct rates of duty are assessed with duty at the highest rate on the whole weight unless the various kinds of goods are packed separately, or in such a manner that an account can be taken of each kind.

Ginger, preserved in syrup or sugar	..	0	6	9
Marmalade, jams, and fruit jellies, if not made from fruit liable to duty as such	..	0	6	9
Marzipan	..	0	5	6

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UNITED KINGDOM—*continued.*

Articles.		Rates of Duty.
SUGAR—*continued.*		£ s. d.
Milk, condensed, sweetened, whole	the cwt.	0 3 10
" " " separated or skimmed...	..	0 4 3
" " slightly sweetened, whether whole, separated or skimmed, if declared by the importer not to contain more than 18 per cent. of added sugar, subject to occasional sampling and testing...	..	0 1 8
Milk powder :—		
If declared by the importer not to contain any added sugar	—	Free.
If declared by the importer not to contain more than 36 per cent. of added sugar	the cwt.	0 3 5
In all other instances, and in cases in which the importer wishes to dispense with sampling and testing	..	0 7 8
Note.—Importations entered as free will be delivered on deposit of duty at the lower rate, pending analysis. Importations entered at the lower rate are liable to sampling and testing.		
Nestle's milk food	..	0 3 0
Soy, when containing molasses or other sweetening matter...	..	0 2 1
Tamarinds, preserved in syrup	..	0 2 1
Other preparations made with added sugar or sweetening matter (other than saccharin)		Charged under Sec. 7 Finance Act, 1901.
		£ s. d.
TEA	the lb.	0 1 0
TOBACCO, manufactured, viz.—		
Cigars	..	0 10 6
Cavendish or Negrohead...	..	0 8 0
Cavendish or Negrohead, manufactured in bond ...	..	0 7 0
Other manufactured tobacco, viz.—		
Cigarettes	..	0 8 6
Other sorts	..	0 7 0
Snuff containing more than 13 lbs of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof	..	0 6 7½
Snuff not containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof	..	0 8 0
TOBACCO, unmanufactured, if stripped or stemmed—		
Containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs weight thereof	..	0 5 6½
Containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof	..	0 6 2
TOBACCO, unmanufactured, if unstripped or unstemmed—		
Containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof	..	0 5 6
Containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof	..	0 6 1½
Note.—The minimum weight of packages of tobacco allowed to be imported into the United Kingdom is 80 lbs. gross. Packages of tobacco must contain tobacco only, and under tobacco are included cigars, cigarillos, cigarettes and snuff.		

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B.—New Customs Duties.

Note.—The basis of assessment of the new *ad valorem* duties will be the "C.I.F. value," *i.e.*, the cost of the goods at the port of shipment for this country, plus freight and insurance.

Articles.	Rates of Duty.
Motor cars, including motor bicyles and motor tricycles	33⅓ per cent. of value.
Accessories and component parts of motor cars, motor bicycles or motor tricycles	
Musical instruments, including gramophones, pianolas and other similar instruments	
Accessories and component parts of musical instruments and records and other means of reproducing music	
Clocks, watches and component parts of clocks and watches	
Hats (including all forms of headgear)	
Plate-glass ... ... Per cwt.	9s. 6d. (and so in proportion for any less quantity)
Cinematograph films: all films imported for the purpose of the exhibition of pictures or other optical effects by means of a cinematograph or other similar apparatus, viz.:—	Per linear foot.
Blank film, on which no picture has been impressed, known as raw film or stock	0s. 0¼d.
Positives *i.e.* films containing a picture and ready for exhibition	0s. 1d.
Negatives, *i.e.* films containing a photograph from which positives can be printed	0s. 8d.

C.—Excise Duties, New and Increased.

Articles.		Rates of Duty. £	s.	d.
TOBACCO (home-grown)—				
If containing 10 per cent. of moisture	the lb.	0	5	4
If containing less than 10 per cent. of moisture ...	..	0	5	11½
GLUCOSE, solid	the cwt.	0	5	11
" liquid	..	0	4	3
SACCHARIN (home made, including substances of a like nature or use)	per oz.	0	3	0
CHICORY (home grown)	per cwt.	0	18	8
MOTOR SPIRIT (home made)—				
If used for supplying motive power to motor cars ...	per gall.	0	0	6
If used for any purpose to which the half rate of duty was applicable before the 22nd September, 1915		0	0	4½
SUGAR (home grown)—				
Not exceeding 76° of polarisation	per cwt.	0	3	4
Exceeding 76 and not exceeding 77	..	0	3	5·6
" 77 " 78	..	0	3	7
" 78 " 79	..	0	3	8·3
" 79 " 80	..	0	3	9·6
" 80 " 81	..	0	3	11·0
" 81 " 82	"	0	4	0·3
" 82 " 83	..	0	4	1·7
" 83 " 84	..	0	4	3·2
" 84 " 85	"	0	4	4·7
" 85 " 86	"	0	4	6·2

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Articles.		Rates of Duty.		
		£	s.	d.
SUGAR (home-grown)—*continued*—				
Exceeding 86 and not exceeding 87	per cwt.	0	4	7·7
" 87 " 88	"	0	4	9·4
" 88 " 89	"	0	4	11·1
" 89 " 90	"	0	5	1·1
" 90 " 91	"	0	5	3·1
" 91 " 92	"	0	5	5·1
" 92 " 93	"	0	5	7·2
" 93 " 94	"	0	5	9·2
" 94 " 95	"	0	5	11·2
" 95 " 96	"	0	6	1·2
" 96 " 97	"	0	6	3·2
" 97 " 98	"	0	6	5·2
" 98	"	0	7	0
MOLASSES, made from home-grown sugar—				
If containing 70 per cent. or more of sweetening matter	"	0	4	5
If containing less than 70 per cent. and more than 50 per cent. of sweetening matter	"	0	3	2
If containing not more than 50 per cent. of sweetening matter	"	0	1	7
Molasses is free of duty when cleared for use by a licensed distiller in the manufacture of spirits, or for use solely for purposes of food for stock.				

(C. 31,940.)

UNITED KINGDOM—SWITZERLAND.

Convention respecting the Application of the Commercial Treaty of 1855 to certain parts of H.M. Dominions.

The Foreign Office has recently published in the "Treaty Series" (No. 6 [Cd. 7963], price ½d.) a Convention between the United Kingdom and Switzerland, signed at London on the 30th March, 1914, which provides that H.M. Government and the Swiss Government shall have the right at any time to terminate Articles IX and X of the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Reciprocal Establishment, of 6th September, 1855, between Great Britain and Switzerland, with respect to any or all of the undermentioned Dominions, on giving twelve months' notice to that effect:—the Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, and Newfoundland.

It is further agreed that, should the said Articles of the Treaty cease, in pursuance of the present Convention, to be applicable to the Commonwealth of Australia, they shall also cease to be applicable to Papua and Norfolk Island, if so desired by either of the High Contracting Parties.

The ratifications of the Convention were exchanged at London on the 12th July, 1915. (C. 31,103.)

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DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Customs Decisions.

The Board of Trade have received, from H.M. Trade Commissioner in New Zealand, copy of a Minister's Order (No. D 9), dated 7th July, 1915, giving Customs decisions relative to the rates of duty leviable on various articles on importation into the Dominion of New Zealand.

The following are the principal decisions given :—

Articles.	No. of Tariff Heading.	Rates of Import Duty. On Foreign Goods.	Rates of Import Duty. On Goods the produce or manufacture of any part of the British Dominions.
Dummy bullets of wood for making dummy cartridges (used in the military training of recruits) ... ... Lithium chloride ... ... Potassium fluoride ... ... Roller bearings ("Hyatt"), including only rollers and cages, and not including linings or bushings	482	Free	Free
Asbestos enamelled sheets, prepared for use as flooring or wall tiles	120	30 % *ad val.*	**20 % ad val.**
Cork mats ("bath corks")	109	20 % "	20 % "
"Drifeet" (a waterproof intersoling material), cut to shape or in the piece	483	Free	Free
Educational apparatus, &c., viz.— Blackboard erasers (strips of felt fixed on a wooden stock)	441	Free	Free
Indiarubber air-bags, used in repairing motor-car tyres during the process of vulcanising...	483	Free	Free
Iron pipes, accessories for—viz., "puddle collars" (attachments for preventing slipping on hill-sides)	183	30 % *ad val.*	**20 % ad val.**
*Mops, circular polishing (made of calico, yarn, &c.)— If imported separately	245	37½ % "	**25 %** "
If imported (detached or otherwise) as parts of a metal-worker's machine tool..			
If imported with, and being parts of machinery n.o.e. (attached or otherwise).	182	30 % "	**20 %** "
Motor-cars, fittings for, viz.— Lighting sets (not including lamps), "C.A.V." and similar, to be classified as under— If accompanying and being part of, although detached from, the motor-car	430	Free	Free
If imported separately...	The parts to be classified under their appropriate tariff headings.		

* Revised decision.

(C. 31,466.)

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BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE: SWAZILAND.

Prohibited Exports: Amended List.

With reference to Notices which have appeared in previous issues of the "Board of Trade Journal" respecting the prohibition of the exportation of various articles from the Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland under Proclamations Nos. 8 and 9 of 1915, respectively, as amended by subsequent Government Notices, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Colonial Office, copies of further Government Notices (Nos. 68 and 69 of 1915), dated 17th August, which amend the above-mentioned Proclamations by prohibiting the exportation of various articles from the Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland, as follows:—

(A) To all destinations, other than destinations in the United Kingdom, any British Possession, or British Protectorate:—

Aluminium, manufactures of;
Chemicals, drugs, medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations—
  Hydrochloric acid;
  Magnesium chloride;
  Oxalic acid;
  Oxides and salts of cobalt;
  " " nickel;
  " " tungsten;
  Phosphorus;
Coal tar, crude;
Maps and plans of any place within the territory of any belligerent, or within the area of the military operations, on a scale of four miles to one inch, or any larger scale, or reproductions on any scale by photography or otherwise of such maps or plans;
Metals and ores—
  Wulfenite;
  Zinc (including zinc ashes, spelter, spelter dross, and zinc sheets).
  Zinc ore.
  [These latter two items were previously included under one heading.]
Tungsten filaments for electric lamps;
Wax, mineral and vegetable.

(C. 31,470.)

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE, SWAZILAND AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

Exportation of certain Articles to Italian Ports in Europe now permitted.

With reference to the Notice which appeared on p. 477 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 13th May last respecting the prohibition of the exportation of various articles from the Bechuanaland Protectorate, Swaziland and Southern Rhodesia under Proclamations Nos. 8–10 of 1915, respectively, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Colonial Office, copy of further Proclamations (Nos. 26–8 of 1915), dated 14th August, which amend the above-mentioned Proclamations, with the effect that the prohibition of the exportation of certain articles included under Schedule II of those Proclamations to Italian ports in Europe is now removed.

[*Note.*—The articles included under Schedule II of the Proclamations are now prohibited to be exported "to foreign ports in Europe and to non-European ports on the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, with the exception of French, Belgian, Spanish, Portuguese ports, *Italian ports in Europe*, and Russian ports, other than those on the Baltic."]

(C. 31,414.)

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

Prohibited Exports: Amended List.

With reference to the Notice which appeared on pp. 674-5 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 3rd June last respecting the prohibition of the exportation of various articles from the East Africa Protectorate under a Proclamation of the 9th April last, the Board of Trade are now in receipt of a copy of a further Proclamation, dated 17th August, 1915, which amends the above-mentioned Proclamation with the effect that the exportation of certain articles from the Protectorate is prohibited, as follows:—

(A) To all destinations other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates, subject to any licence which may be given:—

Coal.

(B) To all foreign ports in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than those of France, Russia (except Baltic ports) Belgium and Portugal:—

All oleaginous nuts, seeds, kernels and their products, and all vegetable oils.
[Under the original Proclamation, the exportation of all such articles to *Spain* was permitted.] (C. 31,352.)

GOLD COAST.

Exportation of certain Articles to Italy now permitted.

With reference to the Notices which have appeared in previous issues of the "Board of Trade Journal" relative to the prohibition of the exportation of various articles from the Gold Coast under Proclamations of the 24th March and the 24th April last, the Board of Trade have now received copy of a further Proclamation, dated the 2nd August, 1915, which provides that the prohibition of the exportation of various articles enumerated under the heading (B) of the above-mentioned Proclamations shall no longer extend, or be deemed to extend, to Italy. (C. 31,685.)

EGYPT.

Increased Import duties.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, copy of a Decree, which was approved by the Council of Ministers on the 30th August, 1915, and which increases the Customs duties on alcoholic liquors, building wood, and tobacco on importation into Egypt, with effect from the 31st August last.

The following statement shows the rates of duty leviable on the various articles affected by the present Decree, as well as the rates previously in force:—

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Articles.	Rates of Import Duty.	
	Old Rates.	New Rates.
	Millièmes.	Millièmes.
Alcoholic liquors	8 % *ad val.*	10 % *ad val.*
Building wood	4 % „	8 % „
Tobacco—		
In leaf—		
The produce of countries which have not concluded special arrangements with Egypt per kilog.	0·270	0·320
Accompanied by a certificate of origin from a country having a special arrangement with Egypt ... ... per kilog.	0·250	0·300
In leaves stripped of their stems, stalks or median ribs, also cut, pressed, or powdered tobacco, and cigarettes—		
The produce of countries which have not concluded special arrangements with Egypt per kilog.	0·320	0·420
Accompanied by a certificate of origin from a country having a special arrangement with Egypt ... ... per kilog.	0·300	0·400
Cigars of any kind or origin	0·300	0·400

[A kilog. = 2·2046 lbs. avoirdupois; 1,000 millièmes = £E. 1 = £1 0s. 6d.]

(C. 31,152).

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

Prohibited Exports: Amended List.

The Board of Trade are in receipt of a copy of a Proclamation (No. 45 of 1915), dated 13th July, which revokes the previous Proclamations Nos. 22, 28 and 41 of 1915 respecting prohibited exports, and, at the same time, consolidates and amends the lists of articles the exportation of which is prohibited from Trinidad and Tobago.

The lists of articles are of some considerable length, and are, for the most part, similar to those which have been issued, from time to time, for various other British Colonies.

The Proclamation No. 45 of 1915 has since been amended by a further Proclamation (No. 48 of 1915), dated 21st July, by prohibiting the exportation of the following articles from the Colony :—

(A) To all destinations other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions, and Protectorates:—

Rubber (including raw, waste and reclaimed rubber, solutions containing rubber, jellies containing rubber, or any other preparations containing rubber), and goods made wholly *or partly* of rubber; including tyres for motor vehicles and for cycles, together with articles or materials especially adapted for use in the manufacture or repair of tyres; *and also balata and gutta-percha and the following varieties of rubber, viz.:—Borneo, Guayule, Jelutong, Palembang, Pontianac, and all other substances including caoutchouc.*

[The italicised words are new.)

Bone ash;

Capsicum and oleo-resin of capsicum;

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Chemicals, drugs, &c., viz. :—
- Caffeine and its salts ;
- Paraldehyde ;
- Phosphates of metals, manufactured ;
- Phosphides ;
- Phosphoric acids and oxides ;
- Theobromine—sodium salicylate ;

Guanos ;
Phosphate rock, viz. :—
- Apatites ;
- Phosphates of lime and alumina ;

Steel containing tungsten or molybdenum or both, and any tools or other articles made from such steel ;

(B) To all Foreign Ports in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas other than those of France, Russia (except Baltic ports), Spain and Portugal :—

Cotton yarn and thread ;
Gums, resins and balsams, and resinous substances of all kinds, except such as contain caoutchouc (the exportation of substances containing caoutchouc being prohibited to all destinations abroad other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions, and Protectorates ;
[The item "resin" is deleted.]
Hair, animal, of all kinds ; and tops, noils, and yarns of animal hair ;
[The items "Balata," "gutta-percha," and "rubber—varieties known as Borneo, Guayule, Jelutong, Palembang, Pontianac, and all other substances containing caoutchouc" are deleted from this heading, and are now included under heading (A) above.]

(C) To Denmark, Netherlands, *Norway* and Sweden :—

[The original heading has been altered as shown in italics.]
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The Proclamation No. 48 of 1915 also provides for the prohibition of the exportation of all articles to the Netherlands, except with the permission in writing of the Governor and unless such articles are consigned to the Netherlands Oversea Trust. (C. 31,789.)

Exportation of certain Articles to Italy now permitted.

The Board of Trade have also received copy of a further Proclamation (No. 49 of 1915), dated 24th July, which amends the above-mentioned Proclamations, with the effect that the prohibition of the exportation of certain articles to Italy is now removed. (C. 31,789.)

BERMUDA.

Exportation of all Goods to Bulgaria prohibited.

The Board of Trade have been informed by the Colonial Office that a Proclamation has been issued by the Bermuda Government prohibiting the exportation of all goods from the Colony to Bulgaria. (C. 31,262.)

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Exportation of certain Articles to Italy now permitted.

With reference to the Notices which have appeared in previous issues of the "Board of Trade Journal" relative to the prohibition of the exportation of certain articles to specified destinations from the Straits Settlements under various Proclamations, the Board of Trade have now received copy of a

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further Proclamation, dated the 24th July, 1915, which amends the original Proclamation of the 7th April last, as amended by subsequent Proclamations, with the effect that the exportation of various articles enumerated under the heading (B) of those Proclamations is now permitted to Italy.

[*Note.*—The heading (B) of the original Proclamation of the 7th April last is now so amended as to provide for the prohibition of the exportation of certain articles "to all foreign ports in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than those of France, Russia (except Baltic ports), Belgium, *Italy*, Spain, and Portugal.]

(C. 31,668.)

STATE OF BRUNEI.

Revised Import and Export Duties.

The Board of Trade have received from the Acting-Secretary to the High Commissioner for the Malay States, Singapore, copy of the "Customs Rules, 1915," which have been made under the "Customs Duties Enactment, 1906," of Brunei, and which lay down the rates of duty leviable on various goods imported into and exported from that State.

These duties, which came into force on the 1st September, 1915, are as follows:—

Articles.	Rates of Duty.
IMPORTS.	Dols. cts.
Aerated waters ... ... *per case of 6 doz.*	0 72
Arms and ammunition (if permit previously obtained):	
Rifles and guns ... ... *each*	5 00
Pistols and revolvers ... . ,,	5 00
Cartridges, loaded or empty ... ... *per* 100	1 00
Beads, buttons, toys and tinselware	10 % *ad val.*
Brass and brassware ... ... *per catty*	0 02
Building materials (*i.e.*, bricks, tiles, lime, pipes, roofing, paving materials and cement)	5 % *ad val.*
Baskets	5 % ,,
Candles	5 % ,,
Chemicals	10 % ,,
Cloth-bunting, yarns, cotton, thread, linen, flax, grass, hair, or fibre or any admixture thereof	10 % ,,
Coconut oil	5 % ,,
Copper and copperware	5 % ,,
Cordage and rope	5 % ,,
Cutlery	10 % ,,
Crockery and earthenware	10 % ,,
Explosives, gunpowder, dynamite, squibs, crackers, &c. (if permit previously obtained)	25 % ,,
Glassware	5 % ,,
Gambier	10 % ,,
Ground nuts	5 % ,,
Haberdashery—ready-made clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, umbrellas, looking-glasses and combs, &c.	10 % ,,
[*Exemption.*—Articles of clothing not exceeding 20 dols. in value imported by the owner thereof as part of his personal luggage.]	
Lamps and lanterns	5 % ,,
Iron and ironware	5 % ,,

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Articles.	Rates of Duty.
IMPORTS—*continued.*	Dols. cts.
Lead	10 % *ad val.*
Leather goods	5 % "
Machines, labour-saving and not worked by steam power	10 % "
Matches ... ... *per tin of* 144 *packages*	1 00
Oils, not otherwise specified	10 % *ad val.*
Paints and paint oils	10 % "
Petroleum ... ... *per tin*	0 15
Planks	5 % *ad val.*
Silk stuffs	5 % "
Spices, including curry stuffs ... ... *per catty*	0 02½
Sugar, manufactured, including all sweet stuffs .. ... "	0 02
Spirituous liquors—	
If containing 20 per cent. alcohol ... ... *per gall.*	2 40
Sparkling wines .. .. "	1 50
Still wines ... ... "	1 00
Liquors containing less than 20 per cent. alcohol ... "	0 24
Swine ... ... *per head*	2 00
Tea ... ... *per catty*	0 05
Tinned or preserved provisions of all kinds	10 % *ad val.*
[*Exemptions*—	
Tinned biscuits.	
Tinned milk of the following brands—	
Milkmaid, Nestlé's, and Sledge.]	
Tobacco—	
Chinese ... ... *per case of* 140 *packages of* 8 *tahils each*	9 00
" 200 " 6 " "	10 00
If less than one case ... ...*per lb.*	0 10
Java ... ... *per basket of one pikul*	4 00
Sumatra, Palembang, or other Native tobacco... ... *per pikul*	20 00
Waste, for agricultural purposes ... ... "	10 00
Cigars and cigarettes imported in tins ... ...*per lb*	0 16
EXPORTS.	
Attaps	5 % *ad val.*
Birds' nests	10 % "
Cattle ... ... *per head*	2 00
Coals, as provided in Agreements.	
Copra.	
Gambier	5 % *ad val.*
Guano	10 % "
Hides and horns	10 % "
Jungle produce	10 % "
Kajangs	5 % "
Mineral oil, as provided in Agreements.	
Pepper	5 % "
Sago—	
Trunks, per 6 feet length	10 % "
Raw	5 % "
Flour	2½ % "
Sugar	2½ % "
Swine ... . *per head*	1 00
Tapioca...	2½ % *ad val.*
Tobacco—	
Locally grown	25 % "
Other kinds	As in case of imports.

Note.—A pikul = 133⅓ lbs.; a catty = 1⅓ lbs.; a tahil = 1½ ozs.

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t is provided that nothing in the above Rules shall apply to :—

(i.) Goods imported or exported by the Government of Brunei,

(ii.) Goods specially exempted by the Resident in accordance with the terms of any Agreement between the owners and the Government of Brunei,

Provided always that the burden of proving that any goods fall within the above-mentioned exceptions shall rest on the owner of such goods, and that no claim to exemption shall operate to delay the collection of the duty demanded by the Customs officer.

It is further provided under these Rules that a Customs officer may be established at any place to which the Enactment is made applicable.

Dutiable goods shall be declared at such offices, and, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of cargo in any vessel or the amount of duty leviable thereon, it shall be lawful for any Customs officer to enter such vessel to examine all cargo contained therein and to cause the said cargo or any part thereof to be weighed.

The Rules made under the "Customs Duties Enactment, 1906," on the 29th November, 1906, are rescinded. (C. 31,372.)

HONG KONG.

Prohibited Exports: Amended List.

With reference to Notices which have appeared in previous issues of the "Board of Trade Journal" relative to the prohibition of the exportation of certain articles from Hong Kong under various Proclamations, the Board of Trade have now received copy of a further Proclamation, dated the 23rd July, 1915, which amends the previous Proclamations respecting prohibited exports by prohibiting the exportation of various articles from the Colony, as follows :—

(A) To all destinations :—

Coal tar, crude.

(B) To all destinations other than the United Kingdom, and British Possessions and Protectorate :—

Aniline (*and its compounds*) ;

[The italicised words are deleted—such compounds being included under the heading "coal tar products for use in dye manufacture, including aniline oil and aniline salt" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations.]

Chemicals—

- Hydrochloric acid ;
- Magnesium chloride ;
- Oxalic acid ;
- Oxides and salts of cobalt ;
- " " nickel ;
- " " tungsten ;
- Phosphorus ;

Manufactures of aluminium ;

Metals and ores—

- Wulfenite ;
- Zinc ore ;

Mineral and vegetable wax ;

Tungsten filaments for electric lamps ;

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(C) To all destinations other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates, and Allied Countries:—

Coal (including anthracite and steam, gas, household and all other kinds of coal) and coke;

(D) To all foreign ports in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than those of France, Russia (except Baltic ports) Spain and Portugal:—

Arsenic and its compounds;
Lignum vitæ;
Rice and rice flour.

[The item "india-rubber sheet, vulcanised" is deleted from this heading—the exportation of these articles already being prohibited under heading (B) by the Proclamation of the 14th May, 1915.] (C. 31,706.)

RUSSIA.

Exportation of Fish Oil prohibited.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the exportation of *fish oil* from Russia, by all frontiers of the Empire, was prohibited by a Decree dated August 21st/September 3rd. Exemptions from this prohibition will be accorded in favour of allied and friendly countries. (C. 31,754.)

FINLAND.

Customs Decisions.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that, in virtue of recent Customs decisions, the undermentioned articles, on importation into Finland, are to pay duty as shown in the subjoined statement:—

[1 Finnish mark (100 penni) = 9·6d.; 100 kilogs. = 220·46 lbs.]

Articles.	Tariff No. under which dutiable.	Rate of Duty.	Mks.	p.
Oilcloth cases accompanying musical instruments (No. 233)	—	Free.		
English ship biscuit, a product of wheat and maize with or without sugar	98	100 kilogs. gross	60	00
Siccative used in making varnish, containing lead and manganese compositions in addition to rosin and linseed acids	130	100 kilogs.	21	20
White factis, made from fatty oils and used as a substitute in the india-rubber industry	149 (1)	..	5	90
Castor oil in gelatine capsules, even for druggists	161 (1) 5	..	23	50
Negatives of sheet or plate iron, sensitive to light (dutiable weight including that of the boxes) ...	224 (1)	..	47	10
Paper to be used for printed forms of drafts (bills)	235 (4)	..	117	60
Finnish calendars, printed abroad and containing (besides almanacs), advertisements, &c., not bound...	236 (5) 1	kilog.	2	00
Imitation linoleum mats of paper, with or without foundation of textile material, to be used on floors	270	100 kilogs	7	10

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Salt herring in wooden casks (dutiable weight).—The net (dutiable) weight of salt herring in wooden casks will be obtained by deducting 25 per cent. from the gross weight of the casks, unless the packings are considerably different from the usual packings or unless the owners, for other reasons, wish the net weight to be determined by actual weighing. (C. 28,971.)

NORWAY.

Exportation of certain Steel prohibited.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the exportation from Norway of *tool steel and turning steel* (except that of Norwegian production, accompanied by a certificate of origin) has been prohibited. (C. 31,546.)

SWEDEN.

Prohibition of Exportation of certain Articles.

The Board of Trade are in in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information from H.M. Minister at Stockholm to the effect that the exportation of the following articles from Sweden was prohibited as from the 25th September:—

Rubber, in solution or in the form of paste (but not rolled into sheets or further manufactured), with or without admixture of other substances, such as sulphur, graphite, and resin; also artificial soft rubber;

Manufactures of soft rubber, with the exception of transmission and driving belts and of rubber boots and shoes;

Manufactures of hard rubber (ebonite, &c.), even if in combination with other materials;

Toys made of rubber, and parts thereof;

Oil colours (colours prepared with oil), not specially mentioned;

Printers' ink, black; and colours for typographic, lithographic and copper-plate printing, not specially mentioned;

Resinous oils;

Varnish:—spirit varnish, with or without admixture of colouring matter; oil varnish, including bleached linseed oil and so-called "standolja"; and other kinds, with the exception of asphalt lac or Japan black and "zapon lac."

(C. 31,963.)

NETHERLANDS.

Prohibition of Exportation of Milk and Milk Products.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information from H.M. Minister at The Hague, to the effect that the exportation of *milk* and *all products of milk* from the Netherlands was prohibited by a Royal Decree of the 22nd September.

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FRANCE.

Exportation of certain Vegetables prohibited, except by special Permission.

The French "Journal Officiel" for the 19th September contains a Ministerial Decree, dated the 18th September, which, so far as concerns *leeks, cabbages, carrots, onions, garlic, and turnips*, abrogates the provision of the Decree of the 12th February, 1915, in virtue of which *fresh vegetables* were allowed to be exported from France, without special permission, when consigned to the United Kingdom and certain other countries.

(C. 31,401.)

FRENCH COLONIES.

Prohibition of the Exportation of certain Articles made applicable in French Colonies.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copy of a French Presidential Decree, dated the 10th September, and published in the "Journal Officiel" for the 16th September, which renders applicable in the French Colonies and Protectorates (other than Tunis and Morocco) the Decree of the 20th August, which prohibited the exportation and re-exportation of various articles from France (*see* the notice at pages 701-2 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 2nd September). (C. 31,544.)

"Prohibited" Goods which may be Exported from the French Colonies to the United Kingdom, &c.

The French "Journal Officiel" for the 21st September contains two Ministerial Decrees, dated the 20th September, providing that the undermentioned articles may, by way of exception to the prohibitions of export in force in the French Colonies and Protectorates (other than Tunis and Morocco), be exported and re-exported, without special authorisation, when consigned to the United Kingdom, the British Dominions, Colonies and Protectorates, Belgium, Japan, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, or American countries:—wines; asbestos, unmanufactured or manufactured; cotton rags; cotton yarns; tussah silk, raw, woven, or spun. (C. 31,800.)

Exportation of Glycerine prohibited, except by special Permission.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copy of a French Ministerial Decree, dated the 15th September, and published in the French "Journal Officiel" for the 17th September, which abrogates the provision of the Decree of the 24th February, 1915, in virtue of which glycerine was allowed to be exported from the French Colonies and Protectorates (other than Tunis and Morocco), without special authorisation, when consigned to France, the French Colonies, the United Kingdom, the British Dominions, Colonies and Protectorates, Belgium, Japan, Montenego, Russia, Serbia, and American countries. (C. 31,508.)

PORTUGAL.

Exportation of Beans prohibited.

The "Diario do Governo" for the 18th September contains a Decree (No. 1902), dated the 18th September, which prohibits the exportation of *beans (feijão e grão)* from Portugal. (C. 31,678.)

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SPAIN.

Customs Duties on Wheat and Wheat Flour.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" for the 18th September contains a Royal Order, dated the 6th September, which provides that, during the month of September, or until further notice, wheat and wheat flour imported into Spain shall continue to pay Customs duty at the rates fixed by the Royal Order of the 4th August, *viz.*, 5 pesetas per 100 kilogs. in the case of wheat, and 8 pesetas per 100 kilogs. in the case of wheat flour. (C. 31,547.)

ITALY.

Exportation of Cotton Yarns and Tissues to Allied Countries, &c.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the exportation from Italy of cotton yarns of all kinds, and of cotton tissues which are non-waterproof and not used for military purposes, may be sanctioned by the Italian Customs authorities, if the goods are destined for allied countries, America, or the countries beyond the Suez Canal.

The exportation of waterproof tissues and tissues adapted for military purposes may, in exceptional cases, be allowed by the competent Ministry, upon presentation of a formal application, subject to the restrictions laid down with regard to the place of destination. (C. 31,450.)

BULGARIA.

Prohibition of Exportation of certain Articles.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the exportation of the undermentioned articles from Bulgaria has been prohibited:—bran, barley, hay, straw, and rye of the old and new crops, cheese, "comestibles" of all sorts, fat, lentils, lard, peas, red pepper, potatoes, salt, spirits, tea, vinegar, wine, woollen goods, yarns, cloths and serges. (C. 31,409; 31,676.)

COLOMBIA.

Tariff Treatment of Trunks used as Containers of Imported Merchandise.

The Colombian "Diario Oficial" for the 21st July contains a Ministerial Resolution to the effect that *trunks* (*baúles*) cannot be regarded as ordinary packing of merchandise; and in cases where they are employed as containers of goods, they are to be considered as interior packing of the goods which they contain even if they be not protected by canvas or other tissue. Consequently, when goods are imported packed in trunks, the provisions of Article 10 of the Tariff Law shall be strictly applied: that is, if the trunks are dutiable at a higher rate than the contents, they shall be assessed for duty separately; and if they are dutiable at a lower rate than that applicable to the contents, they shall pay duty at the rate applicable to the most highly taxed article contained therein. (C. 31,565.)

SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Steamship Services to the Continent.

Information regarding the present steamship services for cargo between the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe may be obtained on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Firms making written application for this information are requested to indicate between what ports in the United Kingdom and what ports on the Continent they desire to obtain details as to sailings.

Naval Prizes. See notice on p. 955.

UNITED KINGDOM. FRANCE.

New Steamship Service from London to Cette.

With reference to the notice on p. 551 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 19th August advising that goods destined to be sent from the United Kingdom through France to Switzerland should be shipped to the port of Cette, the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade is notified that Messrs. Robert Park & Company, Limited (9 and 10, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.), have decided to put a steamer on the berth in London (probably at the London Docks), accepting cargo for Cette about 15th October. (C.I.B. 47,210.)

JAPAN (COREA).

Proposed Harbour Improvements at Gensan.

H.M. Consul-General at Seoul (Mr. A. H. Lay) reports, under date 13th August, that work on the proposed harbour works at Gensan was expected to be begun before the end of that month. The total cost of the undertaking is estimated at 1,560,000 yen (£159,250) and the work is to be completed by 1919.

The following is a brief outline of the scheme:—An area of 25,000 tsubo (nearly 100,000 sq. yds.) lying between the old mouth of the Akada River and the bund wharf is to be reclaimed. The water space within the breakwater is to be dredged to a depth of from 21 to 24 feet, the area of the anchorage thus obtained being 120,000 tsubo (about 475,000 sq. yds.). A breakwater 450 yards long will be built in a westerly direction from Changtuk Island. A quay, 300 yards long, will be constructed in the centre of the reclaimed land and will be connected by rail with Gensan station. The quay will be capable of accommodating two vessels of 3,000 tons and will have a depth of water alongside of 24 feet. A wooden pier, 100 yards long and 12 yards wide will be constructed at the end of the existing wharf for the use of coasting steamers. (C. 31,060.)

MINERALS, METALS, AND MACHINERY.

AUSTRALIA.

Mineral Production of New South Wales in 1914.

The following table, showing the quantity and value of the minerals produced in New South Wales in 1914, as compared with 1913, is taken from the Annual Report of the Department of Mines of that State for the year 1914:—

—	1913.		1914.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£
Coal ... ...tons	10,414,165	3,770,375	10,390,622	3,737,761
Silver-lead, ore, concentrates, &c.	391,262	3,563,804	337,019	2,934,065
Zinc	506,661	1,547,987	359,310	1,020,711
Copper*	9,461	598,733	6,607	274,671
Gold ... ... fine ozs.	149,657	635,703	124,507	528,873
Tin† ... ...tons	3,021	421,292	2,817	267,130
Lead (pig, &c.)	23,554	365,742	25,989	370,106
Silver ... ... ozs.	2,194,871	244,324	2,871,559	307,198
Iron ... ...tons	46,563	186,252	75,150	254,257
Other minerals and ores ...	—	769,875	—	804,948
Total values ... £	—	12,095,084	—	10,499,720

* Exclusive of the copper produced from ore imported from other States of the Commonwealth.

† Exclusive of tin refined from imported ores.

NETHERLANDS (CURACAO).

Proposed Erection of Oil Refinery.

With reference to the notice on p. 776 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 9th September relative to a proposed oil refinery in Curaçao, the Acting British Consul at Curaçao (Mr. I. H. Laing) now reports, under date 1st September, that a Dutch company has purchased a site on which to erect the refinery. Work has been commenced on the building of a wharf. It is anticipated that with the arrival of an engineer from the Netherlands work will proceed on a larger scale. Up to the time of writing, no machinery or building material had arrived in the island for the company. (C.I.B. 46,063.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Asphalt Production during 1914.

H.M. Consul-General at Chicago (Mr. H. D. Nugent) reports that, according to the United States Geological Survey, although there was a decrease in the marketed production of natural asphalt and of manufactured or oil asphalt derived from domestic sources in the United States in 1914, the decrease was more than offset by the greatly increased output, from American refineries, of oil asphalt derived from crude petroleum imported from Mexico.

The output of natural asphalt in 1914 amounted to 77,588 tons

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(of 2,000 lbs.), valued at 630,623 dols.; the output of oil asphalt from domestic petroleum amounted to 360,683 tons, valued at 3,016,969 dols.; and the output from American refineries of oil asphalt from Mexican petroleum amounted to 313,787 tons, valued at 4,131,153 dols. Compared with 1913, the output of natural asphalt in 1914 declined 16 per cent., and that of domestic oil asphalt 17 per cent., whereas the output of Mexican oil asphalt increased 174 per cent. (C. 30,648.)

Dollar = 4s. 1½d.

Spelter Production for First Half of 1915.

H.M. Consul-General also reports, on the same authority, that the output of spelter in the United States for the first six months of 1915 was 207,634 tons (of 2,000 lbs.) made from domestic ores, and 8,898 tons from foreign ores, a total of 216,532 tons, as compared with 177,991 tons for the preceding six months and with 175,958 tons for the first half of 1914. In addition there was produced by distillation from drosses and skimmings 13,546 tons of secondary spelter, as compared with 10,273 tons, one half of the total output of distilled secondary spelter in 1914. No statistics were obtained of the spelter produced by remelting skimmings, drosses, etc., but it was probably not less than 12,000 tons. The total output of spelter from both ore and skimmings in the six months ended June, 1915, was therefore about 242,000 tons.

The total number of retorts in operation in June was about 127,000, but many of these had been only recently put into operation. Additional retorts have since been completed, or are under construction or are planned, to the number of 32,000. (C. 30,204.)

Activity in Textile Machinery Industry.

H.M. Consul-General further reports that the manufacture of textile machinery in that city is becoming very active and some leading concerns have orders in hand that will keep them busy throughout the coming winter. Two or three of the largest producing concerns are now running at full capacity. The demand has arisen in consequence of the growing needs of old-established mills for new machinery and of an increasing confidence in textile manufacturing as an investment.

The largest manufacturer of automatic looms has nearly 20,000 looms on order, and one of the leading manufacturers of spinning machinery has orders in hand up to the capacity of his plant into February. Some of the large manufacturers of card looms are unable to give deliveries within two months. Manufacturers who have tried to get special makes of looms for immediate delivery have been told that the earliest possible delivery is three months. Nearly all the activity has been the outgrowth of orders from domestic sources, although most of the important machinery concerns have been receiving offers from abroad for mills to be built in various parts of the world.

(C. 30,211.)

TEXTILES AND TEXTILE MATERIALS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Cotton Statistics.

The number of bales of cotton **imported** into the United Kingdom during the week ended 23rd September, 1915, was 28,743 (including 961 bales British West African), and the number imported during the thirty-eight weeks ended 23rd September, 1915, was 4,026,819 (including 4,447 bales British West Indian, 4,140 bales British West African, 16,888 bales British East African, and 1,472 bales foreign East African). The number of bales **exported** during the week ended 23rd September, 1915, was 7,730, and during the thirty-eight weeks 512,396.

For further details see p. 1000.

CHINA.

State Encouragement of Cotton Cultivation.

H.M. Minister at Peking reports that five or six years ago there was a considerable increase in the production of cotton in China, especially in Northern China. This increase was stimulated chiefly by the high prices then prevailing in the United States and India, but it was also encouraged by the Chinese Government, who were anxious that the cultivation of the opium poppy should be superseded by that of cotton. State encouragement took the form of official recognition of societies for the study of cotton cultivation, distribution of seed, and appointment of agents to teach improved methods. The most recent display of interest in the subject by the Chinese Government was the issue in April last of regulations providing for monetary rewards to encourage cotton-growing.

No statistics are available as to the area under cotton cultivation in China or of the amount produced. The following figures show the quantities of raw cotton exported to foreign countries during the last five years:—1,484,885 cwts. in 1910; 1,044,933 cwts. in 1911; 959,180 cwts. in 1912; 879,538 cwts. in 1913; and 785,362 cwts. in 1914.

The exports from the chief ports of export in the first three months of 1915 were less than in the corresponding period of 1914.

(C. 31,097.)

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UNITED KINGDOM.

Corn Prices.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 25th September, 1915, were as follows:—

Wheat	43s.	3d.
Barley	39s.	8d.
Oats	26s.	1d.

For further particulars see p. 1000.

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Imports of Agricultural Produce.

A statement is published on p. 1001 showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended 25th September, 1915, as well as of imports during the corresponding week of 1914.

☛ For notices relative to raw materials for textiles *see* under Textiles and Textile Materials.

BRITISH INDIA.

Tea Cultivation in Assam in 1914.

The Report by the Director of Land Records and Agriculture in Assam on tea culture in that Province in 1914 states that the total number of gardens in Assam increased from 752 to 762. Two new gardens were opened in the Karimganj sub-division of the Sylhet district, while two fibre gardens in the South Sylhet sub-division were converted into tea gardens. Three new gardens were opened in the Lakhimpur district, and the Sibsagar district shows an increase of three gardens. The total area under tea increased from 367,847 acres in 1913 to 376,048 acres, while the area plucked was 351,113 acres.

The 1914 crop amounted to 208,227,104 lbs. of manufactured tea, of which 208,012,581 lbs. were black and 214,523 lbs. green. The total output of the Province was about 4 per cent. more than that of the preceding year. The production of green tea was, as in previous years, practically confined to the Surma valley. In Cachar the quantity of green tea manufactured during the year was reduced by 252,355 lbs., while in Sylhet it rose from 333 lbs. to 134,513 lbs. Why there was a large decrease in one district and an increase in the other is not quite clear. It may be observed that the total production of this kind of tea for the Province has been falling off for several years past and the demand seems less than it was.

CANADA.

Output of Pulpwood and Manufacture of Wood-pulp.

The Canadian Department of the Interior at Ottawa has recently issued a Bulletin (No. 54) on the output of pulpwood and the manufacture of wood-pulp in Canada in 1914. The Bulletin contains statements showing (1) the quantity and value of pulpwood produced in the various Provinces of the Dominion, the kinds of wood used and the method of manufacture into pulp; (2) the quantity and value of pulpwood exported from Canada and from the several Provinces in an unmanufactured state; and (3) the value of wood-pulp exported from and imported into the Dominion. There is also a list of the active Canadian pulp-mills, together with a map showing their location.

The Bulletin referred to may be consulted by United Kingdom firms interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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AUSTRALIA.

Increased Import of Grain owing to Drought.

H.M. Trade Commissioner for Australia (Mr. G. T. Milne) reports that official statistics show that, as a result of the drought experienced over a large portion of the Commonwealth, the *imports* of grain, &c. into Australia during the year ended 30th June, 1915, were as follows:—Wheat 985,081 centals, oats 702,717 centals, maize 820,554 centals, barley 145,111 centals, bran and pollard 408,505 centals, and beans and peas 56,228 centals.

During the last half of 1914 a total of 2,472,492 centals of wheat were *exported* from Australia, chiefly from New South Wales, but after the turn of the year only 59,557 centals were exported, while 985,072 centals were imported. (C.I.B. 46.667.)

Cental = 100 lbs.

Crop Outlook.

H.M. Trade Commissioner for Australia has also forwarded an extract from the local press containing the text of a speech by the Commonwealth Prime Minister made in the House of Representatives on 13th August, from which the following particulars regarding the agricultural outlook are extracted:—

The present outlook over the Commonwealth is in general very favourable except as regards the greater part of Queensland, where rains have been much below normal since the beginning of the year. With that exception, since the break in the dry spell in May last good rains have fallen at frequent intervals throughout all the settled agricultural areas, and remarkably mild winter temperatures have prevailed. In Victoria abundant and frequent rains over almost all areas give promise of an excellent growth of vegetation. In New South Wales prospects in general are exceedingly good, grass and herbage springing well; there are excellent harvest prospects, and stock is fast improving. In Western Australia the rains have been remarkably good all through this year; in many parts the season promises to be the best ever known. In Tasmania prospects are also good. In South Australia throughout all agricultural areas the prospects could hardly be better, while in the inland pastoral districts, though rains would be welcome, a favourable outlook is taken. Queensland is extremely dry, and the outlook generally is rather unfavourable.

Realising that full advantage should be taken of the prospective good season in Australia during the coming year, the authorities in the various States have taken action to increase largely the area put under crops. In 1912–13 the total area under crops in the Commonwealth was 13,038,049 acres; in 1913-14, 14,683,012 acres; and in 1914-15 approximately 15,700,000 acres. During the present season it is estimated that a much larger area has been put under crops, mainly under wheat.

The area under wheat in the Commonwealth during the year 1912-13 was 7,339,651 acres, with a production of 91,981,000

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bushels. In 1913-14 the area under wheat was 9,287,398 acres, with a production of 103,344,132 bushels. In 1914-15 the area under wheat was 10,321,328 acres, but owing to an unfavourable season the production fell to 24,843,536 bushels. The prospects of the wheat crop for the coming season are highly satisfactory. A large increase in the area under wheat is reported in all the States. In Victoria, which alone up to the present has made an official estimate, the acreage has increased by no less than 33 per cent. Should the other States show a proportional increase, the total area under wheat is estimated at about 13,500,000 acres. With favourable weather conditions to the end of the harvest it is probable that there will be a total crop of about 160,000,000 bushels. (C.I.B. 46,643.)

NEW ZEALAND.

List of Creameries, Dairies, &c.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade is in receipt of the 1915 issue of the "Annual List of Creameries, Factories, Private Dairies and Packing Houses," issued by the New Zealand Department of Agriculture. This publication, which gives the names of the owners of the various butter and cheese factories, &c. throughout the Dominion, together with particulars of their output, may be consulted by United Kingdom firms interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

CEYLON.

Principal Crops in 1914.

According to the Report on Ceylon for 1914, recently issued by the Colonial Office (*Annual Series*—No. 855), the principal agricultural crops of the Colony—paddy, tea, rubber, coconuts and cinnamon—continued to flourish.

The price of **copra**, which had fallen on the declaration of war, rose rapidly at the end of 1914, and, despite the fact that the largest local buyers were German firms, whose businesses were put in the hands of controllers, there has been no lack of markets and there is every prospect of new and important markets being opened up by the war. The value of the exports of copra amounted to 2,32,00,000 rupees, as compared with 2,09,00,000 rupees in 1913.

As regards **rubber**, the outlook was uncertain during the latter part of the year, but the fears of a serious slump were not realised. The standard of cultivation improved. Exports of rubber in 1914 amounted in value to 5,72,00,000 rupees as against 6,12,00,000 rupees in 1913.

The output of **tea** in 1914 was in excess of that of the preceding

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year and prices have been maintained at a high level. The value of tea exports increased from 8,77,00,000 rupees in 1913 to 8,97,00,000 rupees in 1914.

Rupee = 1s. 4d. at par.

FRANCE (TUNIS).

Cereal Production in 1915.

H.M. Consul-General at Tunis (Mr. E. J. Berkeley, C.B.) has forwarded the following statistics of the production of cereals in the Regency in 1915, the figures for 1914 being added for purposes of comparison :—

	1914.		1915.	
	Area under Cultivation.	Yield.	Area under Cultivation.	Yield.
	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Tons.
Wheat	1,013,000	60,000	1,125,000	300,000
Barley	795,000	70,000	1,050,000	250,000
Oats	100,000	10,000	150,000	50,000

The harvest generally was adversely affected by hail in certain districts, chiefly central, but on the whole the crops were very good and abundant. H.M. Consul-General adds that the wide divergences between yields in 1915 as compared with 1914, although surprising at first sight, are nevertheless actual. In the dry climate of Tunis, the yield of crops depends almost entirely on rainfall.

(C.I.B. 46.257 ; 41.251.)

SPAIN.

Estimated Vintage of 1915.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" publishes the following estimates, issued by the "Dirección-General de Agricultura," of the wine crop of Spain in 1915, the definitive figures for 1914 being added for purposes of comparison :—

	1914.	1915 (estimated).
Area under vines ... ... hectares	1,241,125	1,282,502
Yield of grapes ... ...metric quintals	28,000,100	17,900,734
Grapes used for vintage ... ... "	25,892,271	16,586,381
Yield of must ... ... hectolitres	16,167,940	10,112,481

Hectare = 2·47 acres. Metric quintal = 220·46 lbs. Hectolitre = 22 gallons.

The above-mentioned issue of the "Gaceta," containing detailed statistics of this year's estimated vintage for each of the various wine-growing Provinces of Spain, may be consulted by United Kingdom firms interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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ITALY (SICILY).

Sumac Harvest.

H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. R. G. Macbean, M.V.O.) reports, under date 15th September, that the 1915 sumac crop in Sicily has proved a good one, being considerably larger in quantity than last year's and much superior in quality. The result would have been even better had not rain fallen before the crop was completely harvested. Fortunately, however, the harvest commenced rather earlier than usual so that, save in some of the mountainous districts, the sumac had all been gathered and warehoused before the end of August. (C.I.B. 46,281.)

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UNITED KINGDOM.

Fishery Statistics, August, 1915.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of fish landed on the English and Welsh, Scottish and Irish coasts during the month and eight months ended August, 1915, as compared with the corresponding periods of the year 1914:—

—	Month of August.				Eight Months ended August.			
	1914.		1915.		*1914.*		1915.	
	Quantity.	*Value.*	Quantity.	Value.	*Quantity.*	*Value.*	Quantity.	Value.
England and Wales—	*Cwts.*	*£*	Cwts.	£	*Cwts.*	*£*	Cwts.	£
Fish, excluding shell fish	*655,469*	*559,331*	423,339	588,102	*6,632,837*	*5,285,294*	3,546,740	4,531,869
Shell fish	—	*18,904*	—	20,252	—	*199,911*	—	182,837
Total value ...	—	*578,235*	—	608,354	—	*5,485,205*	—	4,714,706
Scotland—								
Fish, excluding shell fish	*382,320*	*156,663*	255,095	217,587	*6,022,518*	*2,359,052*	1,643,163	1,375,815
Shell fish	—	*4,795*	—	5,755	—	*47,466*	—	40,435
Total value ...	—	*161,458*	—	223,342	—	*2,406,518*	—	1,416,250
Ireland—								
Fish, excluding shell fish	*27,983*	*12,935*	Not yet available.		*412,247*	*159,283*	Not yet available.	
Shell fish	—	*2,284*			—	*15,969*		
Total value .	—	*15,219*			—	*175,252*		

NOTE.—The above figures are subject to correction in the annual returns.

Irish Fishery Statistics, July, 1915.

The following particulars regarding the quantity and value of fish landed on the Irish coasts during the month of July, 1915, have now been received, and complete the July fishery statistics for the United Kingdom published on p. 718 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 2nd September; the corresponding figures for 1914 are added for purposes of comparison:—

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—	Month of July.				Seven months ended July.			
	1914.		1915.		*1914.*		1915.	
	Quantity.	*Value.*	Quantity.	Value.	*Quantity.*	*Value.*	Quantity.	Value.
	Cwts.	*£*	Cwts.	£	*Cwts.*	*£*	Cwts.	£
Fish, excluding shell fish ...	*63,511*	*22,410*	75,366	49,775	*384,320*	*146,391*	264,279	156,837
Shell fish	—	*4,997*	—	2,392	—	*13,682*	—	7,008
Total		*27,407*	—	52,167		*160,073*	—	163,845

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Act relative to Government Assistance to Farming, Mining and other Industries.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade is in receipt of a copy of an Act of the Western Australian Legislature, assented to on 2nd March last, to enable Government assistance to be rendered to the farming, mining and other industries of Western Australia. Settlers and other persons affected by drought or other adverse conditions may be supplied, upon credit, with seed wheat or other cereals, fertilisers, agricultural machinery and implements, livestock, &c., and monetary advances may be made to them. Provision is also made by which the Colonial Treasurer is empowered to render financial assistance to those engaged in the mining or any other industry.

The above-mentioned copy of the Act may be consulted by United Kingdom firms interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

(C.I.B 45,691.)

COSTA RICA.

Trade in 1914.

H.M. Consul at San José (Mr. F. N. Cox) reports that the total value of the trade of Costa Rica in 1914 amounted to £3,789,355. Of this total, imports amounted to £1,554,083, a decrease of about 13 per cent. as compared with the previous year, and exports to £2,235,272, an increase of about 5 per cent. on the value of exports in 1913.

A great reduction in all imports, except foodstuffs, followed upon the outbreak of the European war, and merchants as a rule have been realising the large stocks which they had carried over. Sales have been much reduced, in many cases to less than one-half of the usual amount, but few failures amongst importers have occurred. The depression in the banana trade also had an adverse effect upon imports. The total exports of bananas in 1914 amounted to 10,162,912 bunches, as compared with 11,170,812 bunches in 1913.

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PANAMA.

Duplicate Cable between Colon and New York *viâ* Guantanamo.

H.M. Minister at Panama reports that the work of laying a duplicate cable between Colon and New York, *viâ* Guantanamo, which should have been carried out last year, has been completed. Telegrams can now be transmitted to the West Coast more expeditiously as the large increase of messages, especially press telegrams, kept the *viâ* Colon and *viâ* Galveston lines constantly congested.

(H. 9,683.)

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.*

TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of August, 1915, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased* at a cost, in the present instance, of 1s. 6d. per copy (post free 1s. 10d.).

Attention is further called to the fact that the first volume of the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1914 has been issued, and may be purchased* at a cost of 5s. 9d. (post free 6s. 3d.). This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives in the first volume abstract tables for the years 1909–1913, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article consigned from and to each country. The second volume will contain details as to Customs revenue, transhipments and articles in bond, with particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country and British Possession, and of the trade at each port of the United Kingdom. The third volume (supplement) will contain a classification on the basis followed in Volumes I. and II. of the "Annual Statement" for 1908 and earlier years.

It may be noted that beginning with the issues for 1909 the figures of Volumes I. and II. relate to the countries of *consignment* for imports, and countries of final destination, so far as known, for exports. A supplementary volume will continue to be issued, in which particulars will be given, as mentioned above, on the same basis as those published (up to the year 1908) in the first two volumes. By this means it will be possible to trace the details of the differences resulting from the change of system for a further limited period.

BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"* is published (price 1d.) by the Board of Trade about the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important contents of the September issue:—State of the Labour Market in the United Kingdom for August; Employment in Germany in July; Retail Food Prices in the United Kingdom, Berlin, and Vienna; Industrial Co-operative Societies in the United Kingdom in 1914; Membership of Trade Unions in 1914; Labour in the Dominions; Recent Conciliation and Arbitration Cases.

FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following reports of the **Annual Series** have been issued by the Foreign Office since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal":—

No. 5,463. Trade of Ichang (China) in 1914 Price 1½d.

Shipping and railway developments.
Map.

No. 5,464. Trade and Commerce of Norway in 1913. Price 4d.

Coal imports.
Shipping.
Fishing industry.
Agriculture.
Timber exports.
Paper and wood pulp industry.
Reports from Bergen, Christiansund, Namsos, Stavanger, Trondhjem, and Tönsberg.

* Copies of Government publications may be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Wyman and Sons, Ltd., 29, Bream's Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.; and 54, St Mary Street, Cardiff; or H.M. Stationery Office (Scottish Branch), 23, Forth Street, Edinburgh; or E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin; or from the Agencies in the British Colonies and Dependencies, the United States of America, and other foreign countries of T. Fisher Unwin, Ltd., London, W.C.

Government Publications.

No. 5,465. Trade and Commerce of Denmark in 1913. Price 2½d.

Exports of provisions and dairy produce.
Trade in hides and skins.
Sugar production.
Shipping.

No. 5,466. Trade of Samoa in 1913. Price 1d.

Communications.
Textile imports.

No. 5,468. Trade of Swatow (China) in 1914. Price 1½d.

Yarn and piece-goods imports.
Coal and oil imports.
Bean industry.
Sugar exports.
Shipping.
Map.

OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

Financial Statement (1915-16). *Copy of "Revised Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year* 1915-16." *H.C.* 344. *Price* 1*d.*

London Coal Merchants. List of Coal Merchants in the London District who have accepted an Arrangement for a Limitation of Profits. [*Cd.* 8,070.] *Price* 1*d.*

First Report of the Departmental Committee on Lighting in Factories and Workshops. Vol. 2.—*Minutes of Evidence, &c.* [*Cd.* 8,001.] *Price* 1*s.* 7*d.*

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"*Bulletin Officiel du Brésil*" (Paris), 15th Sept.

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"*Bulletin of Department of Agriculture*" (Trinidad), Part 4, 1915.

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"*British Chamber of Commerce Journal*" (Alexandria), Sept.

Sugarcane Crop in India: 1915-16 Forecast.
"*Gazette of India*" (Calcutta), 28th Aug.

Produce Market in Germany.
"*Börsen-Zeitung*" (Berlin), 16th and 19th Sept.

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"*Torgovo-Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 14th Sept.

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Commerce Reports (Washington), 10th Sept.

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"*Depêche Coloniale*" (Paris), 24th Sept.

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Crop Bulletin (Ottawa), Aug.

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"*Bulletin de l'Office Colonial*" (Paris), July.

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"*Engineering and Mining Journal*" (New York), 18th Sept.

Spelter Production in the United States, Jan.—June, 1915.
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"*Weekly Commercial News*" (San Francisco), 28th Aug.

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"*Journal of Commerce*" (New York), 13th Sept.

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"*North China Herald*" (Shanghai), 28th Aug.

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"*Journal of Commerce*," (New York), 17th Sept.

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Sacks: Supply for Russian Produce.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 3rd Sept.

Yakutsk Fair: Fur Trade.
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Waste Products as Fertilisers.
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"*Bulletin de l'Office Coloniale*" (Paris), July.

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Canada—Department of Agriculture: Fruit Crop Report, August.

New Zealand.—1915 List of Creameries, Dairies, &c.

Fiji.—Report, &c. on Trade and Navigation, 1914.

France.—Paris Chamber of Commerce Report, 1913.

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Cotton Returns.

Return of the **Number** of **Bales** of **Cotton Imported** and **Exported** at the **Various Ports** of the **United Kingdom** during the week and 38 weeks ended 23rd September, 1915 :—

—	Week ended 23rd Sept., 1915.	38 Weeks ended 23rd Sept., 1915.	Week ended 23rd Sept., 1915.	38 Weeks ended 23rd Sept., 1915.
	Imports.		Exports.	
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
American	16,282	3,252,230	4,418	257,257
Brazilian	—	20,422	—	915
East Indian	965	190,130	2,166	55,925
Egyptian	4,920	457,115	983	196,728
Miscellaneous	6,576*	106,922†	163	1,571
Total	28,743	4,026,819	7,730	512,396

* Including 964 bales British West African.

† Including 4,447 bales British West Indian, 4,140 bales British West African, 16,888 bales British East African, and 1,472 bales foreign East African.

Corn Prices.

Statement showing the **Average Price** of **British Corn,** per quarter of 8 bushels Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 25th September, 1915, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

—	Average Price.		
	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Week ended 25th September, 1915	43 3	39 8	26 1
Corresponding Week in—			
1908	31 7	26 11	17 2
1909	32 2	26 9	17 2
1910	30 1	24 4	16 [illegible]
1911	32 6	30 5	19 1
1912	31 7	29 9	19 5
1913	31 6	30 1	17 [illegible]
1914	37 6	29 3	23 3

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local Inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of **Agricultural Produce** imported into the **United Kingdom** in the week ended 25th September, 1915, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

—		Week ended 25th Sept., 1915.	*Corresponding week in 1914.*
Animals, living :—			
Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves	Number	36	—
Sheep and lambs	"	—	—
Swine	"	—	—
Horses	"	14	—
Fresh meat :—			
Beef (including refrigerated and frozen) ...	Cwts.	181,153	*28,618*
Mutton " " " ...	"	78,230	*23,318*
Pork " " " ...	"	1,077	*23,507*
Meat, unenumerated, fresh (including refrigerated and frozen)	"	7,138	*14,127*
Salted or preserved meat :—			
Bacon	Cwts.	98,910	*94,381*
Beef	"	443	*42*
Hams	"	33,886	*14,973*
Pork	"	3,177	*6,474*
Meat, unenumerated, salted	"	705	*2,176*
Meat, preserved, otherwise than by salting (including tinned and canned)	"	45,625	*58,783*
Dairy produce and substitutes :—			
Butter	Cwts.	83,937	*51,030*
Margarine	"	38,025	*33,438*
Cheese	"	53,807	*61,348*
Milk, fresh, in cans or drums	"	—	—
" cream	"	81	*113*
" condensed	"	44,995	*25,570*
" preserved, other kinds...	"	135	*534*
Eggs	Grt. Hundr.	247,584	*208,188*
Poultry	Value £	432	*747*
Game	"	25	*848*
Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen)	Cwts.	10,421	*18,422*
Lard	"	41,990	*19,549*
Corn, grain, meal and flour :—			
Wheat	Cwts.	1,201,500	*2,086,700*
Wheat-meal and flour...	"	175,600	*129,000*
Barley	"	378,300	*393,700*
Oats	"	362,800	*82,600*
Peas	"	82,080	*9,770*
Beans	"	29,410	*131,110*
Maize or Indian corn	"	1,011,900	*840,800*
Fruit, raw :—			
Apples	Cwts.	12,472	*23,592*
Apricots and peaches	"	7	*157*
Bananas	Bunches	219,601	*209,326*
Cherries	Cwts.	—	—
Currants	"	[illegible]	—
Gooseberries	"	—	—
Grapes	"	24,434	*27,415*
Lemons	"	12,395	*7,385*
Oranges...	"	301	*190*
Pears	"	6,753	*11,156*
Plums	"	—	[illegible]
Strawberries	"	—	—
Unenumerated	"	9,198	*3,271*
Hay	Tons	32	—
Straw	"	—	—
Moss Litter	"	1,648	*194*
Hops	Cwts.	4,170	[illegible]
Locust beans	"	2,100	—
Vegetables, raw :—			
Onions	Bushels.	196,796	*179,666*
Potatoes...	Cwts.	853	*615*
Tomatoes	"	37,296	*46,920*
Unenumerated	Value £	2,199	*1,830*
Vegetables, dried	Cwts.	3,106	*5,332*
" preserved by canning	"	23,678	*14,852*

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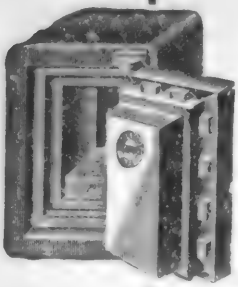

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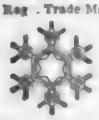

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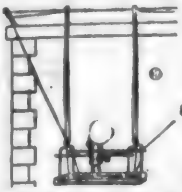

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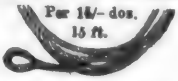

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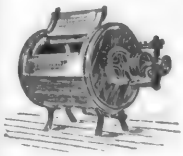

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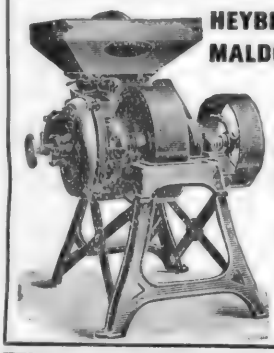

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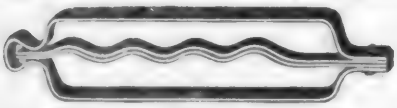

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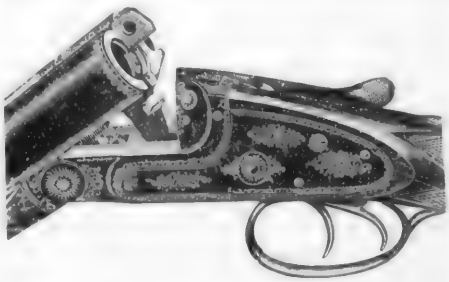

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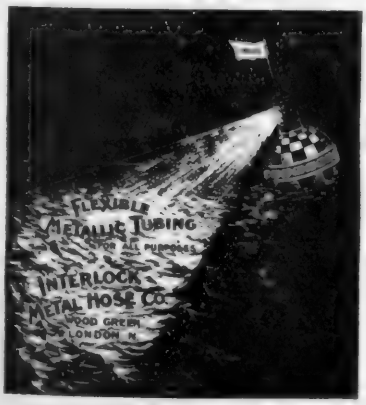

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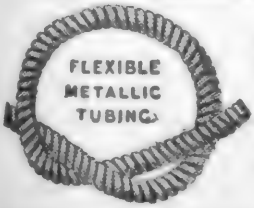

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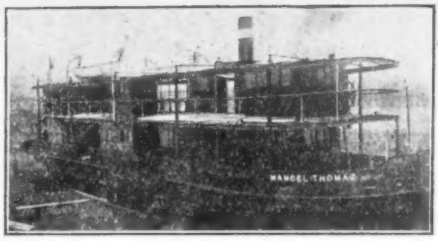

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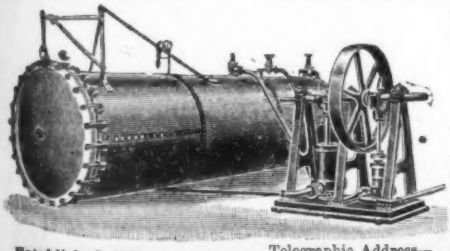

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